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Media Release

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Re: Woman Charged with Aggravated Battery in Stabbing Incident – 2024-00215487

Date: August 1, 2024

On 07-31-24, just after 9 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies and Hernando County Fire Rescue were dispatched to 10322 Maderia Street in Spring Hill in regard to a Stabbing.

Upon arrival, deputies located a female, later identified as Sydney McKelvy DOB/12-20-2001, suffering from a stab wound to the chest.

Investigation revealed McKelvy is currently in a relationship with Jeffrey Hildebrandt, Jr., a resident of the Maderia Street address.

Hildebrandt advised that he and McKelvy were "hanging out at the house" when his ex-girlfriend, identified as Emily Morales, arrived, unannounced. Hildebrandt believed Morales was there to create conflict; therefore, he went to notify his mother, who was in another room.

While Hildebrandt stepped away, McKelvy answered the door. McKelvy invited Morales into the residence. Morales immediately became confrontational with McKelvy. Morales produced a pocket knife and stabbed McKelvy in the chest.

Hearing a commotion, Hildebrandt ran to the kitchen, where he found McKelvy suffering from a stab wound. Hildebrandt observed that Morales will still armed with the pocket knife, at which time Morales attempted to stab him.

Morales then fled from the residence.

McKelvy was transported to a local trauma center, where she underwent surgery.

Deputies located Morales at her residence, located at 13373 Twin Lake Avenue in Spring Hill. Morales was placed into custody and transported to the HCSO for an interview.

Post Miranda, Morales admitted to going to the Hildebrandt residence to confront Jeffrey and stated she was unaware that McKelvy was there. When McKelvy answered the door, Morales admitted to immediately becoming confrontational with her.

Morales accused McKelvy of taking an aggressive stance toward her; therefore, she reacted by pulling the knife from her pocket and stabbing her. Morales went on to say she tossed the knife on her way home.

Emily Sashel Morales DOB/09-03-2004 was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- Aggravated Battery w/a Deadly Weapon
- Aggravated Assault w/a Deadly Weapon
- Bond - \$5,000.

The victim remains hospitalized.