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Media Release

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Re: Spring Hill Man Charged with Domestic Aggravated Battery – 2025-00192978

Date: April 29, 2025

On 04-27-2025, an individual called 9-1-1 to report her adult grandson had possibly been stabbed by his girlfriend.

The caller advised she received this information over the phone from her grandson, **Joshua Simmons Jr., DOB/06-07-2004**, and fearing for his safety, decided to call 9-1-1 to report the incident.

Deputies responded to the couple's apartment located at The Villas at Spring Hill off Degas Lane. Upon entering the apartment, they located signs of a struggle. Both subjects involved in the incident had left the scene before law enforcement arrived.

The female victim later returned to the scene to speak with investigators.

The victim advised that the couple began to argue when Simmons accused her of cheating on him.

When Simmons grabbed her phone, she said a physical altercation ensued. During the physical altercation, she said Simmons pinned her on the ground and while choking her with one hand, he began punching her in the face and ribcage with the other. She further advised that Simmons bit her on the hands and face during the struggle.

The victim said she was eventually able to grab a nearby kitchen knife and stab Simmons in the back while he was sitting on top of her. After being stabbed, Simmons was able to gain control of the knife. She said Simmons punched her one more time before fleeing the residence with their child.

During an interview with Simmons, he claimed the victim was the aggressor in the incident that ended with him being stabbed.

Further investigation revealed that Simmons provided numerous conflicting statements to investigators about what occurred.

Simmons was arrested on a charge of **Domestic Aggravated Battery**. After being medically cleared, Simmons was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center, where he is being held in lieu of a \$2,500 bond.



Joshua Simmons Jr.

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!

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