



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

P.O. BOX 10070 – BROOKSVILLE, FL 34603-0070 FAX 352 796-0493 PHONE 352 754-6830

Media Release

From: Denise M. Moloney
Public Information Officer, 352-797-3609

Re: Burglar Caught by Sheriff's K-9

Date: August 23, 2013

On 08-23-13, a male was observed breaking into “Big B’s New and Used Tires,” located at 13379 Chambord St. in Brooksville. The suspect fled when deputies arrived.

Responding units quickly set up a perimeter around the business and requested a K-9. Deputy Jason Jernigan and his canine partner, Dzel, responded.

When Deputy Jernigan and K-9 Dzel began searching the area, they quickly picked up a track. K-9 Dzel apprehended the suspect, James Ryan Harrell, in the area of a nearby business. Harrell was bitten in the buttocks by K-9 Dzel. Harrell was treated and released from a local hospital before being transported to the Hernando County Detention Center.

Post Miranda, Harrell confessed to entering the business on 08-23-13 to steal tires and rims to re-sell. Harrell also admitted to entering the business on 08-20-13 and removing four tires that he intended to install on his own truck.

James Ryan Harrell W/M DOB/05-02-1982 was placed under arrest for BOTH charges, the present Commercial Burglary and the Commercial Burglary admission from 08-20-13. Additional charges are possibly pending.

Harrell’s bond was set at \$6,000.