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Media Release

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Re: William Tinny Arrested for Attempted Murder

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On 01-15-14 at approximately 2:10 a.m., deputies were called to an address in Spring Hill regarding a domestic dispute.

A person inside the residence called 9-1-1 requesting assistance.

The victim, Rebecca Tinny, and her husband William Tinny had been engaged in a verbal altercation earlier in the evening. Mrs. Tinny retreated to the master bedroom with one of her children, where the two were sleeping. At approximately 1:45 a.m., Mr. Tinny went to the master bedroom and woke Mrs. Tinny. The two argued again. Mr. Tinny advised Mrs. Tinny that he would “put an end to her.” The argument escalated to the point where he told her that he was going to kill her.

Mr. Tinny left the master bedroom to obtain a firearm. Mrs. Tinny and the child locked the bedroom door. Mr. Tinny forced his way into the bedroom by breaking the door frame. He was armed with a Taurus 1911 45 caliber pistol, pointing it at Mrs. Tinny.

Mrs. Tinny reached for Mr. Tinny’s right arm and pushed his arm away to prevent him from shooting her. Mr. Tinny fired the weapon during the struggle. The projectile passed within inches of Mrs. Tinny’s head, striking the wall over the bed.

Mrs. Tinny screamed for help, and her adult son came to her aid from another bedroom. The adult son wrestled the gun away from William Tinny.

Investigation revealed that the firearm malfunctioned and did not cycle a second round, preventing it from being fired a second time.

The audio of the incident (voices, screams and the gunshot) were captured on the 9-1-1 recording.

William Tinny was apprehended on scene by deputies. He refused to make a statement.

William Tinny W/M DOB/04-05-1962 was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center. He is being held without bond.

Being that William Tinny is a retired Pasco County deputy the address of this incident will not be released as per FSS 119.071(4)(d)1.a.

This investigation is still active; the 9-1-1 recording will not be available for media review at this time.