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Media Release

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Re: Brooksville Man Arrested for Battery Outside Elementary School – 2023-27285

Date: August 29, 2023

On 08-25-2023 at 3:17 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's Office received information regarding a man who was possibly trying to pick up children outside of Eastside Elementary School in Brooksville.

Through investigation, the responding deputy was able to identify the subject as **Christopher Povlik DOB/04-06-1987**, and make contact with him at his residence on Simona Avenue in Brooksville.

Povlik admitted to speaking with students as they left school but denied having any physical contact with any student.

Two minor-aged students gave identical statements that Povlik approached them as they were walking home and grabbed their backpacks, which they were wearing. Povlik reportedly then physically pulled the children, aged 7 and 9 years old, by the backpacks preventing them from being able to continue walking or to get away from Povlik.

Several witnesses also provided statements identifying Povlik as the person who was approaching children outside of the school.

Povlik was placed under arrest and transported to the Hernando County Detention Center and charged with **2 counts of Battery**. Povlik's **bond has been set at \$20,000**.

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

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

Hernando County Crime Stoppers can be reached by phone at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or **TIPS from a cell phone.

You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> .

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!