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### Media Release

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From: Jessica Burns  
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Re: Spring Hill Man Arrested After Killing Kitten During Domestic Dispute – 2025-00358972

Date: December 08, 2025

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On 12-06-2025, at approximately 1:30 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to a Lightwood Street residence in reference to a reported battery.

Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the victim, who stated she had been involved in an argument with her live-in boyfriend, **Cayden Lemay DOB/10-01-2003**. During the dispute, Lemay reportedly became physically aggressive and pushed the victim into a bathroom.

The victim further advised deputies that Lemay then grabbed her 12-week-old kitten, forcibly threw the kitten to the ground, and stomped on it, causing the animal's death.

Animal Services responded to the residence and took possession of the deceased kitten.

Based on the investigation, deputies determined probable cause existed to arrest Cayden Lemay. He was taken into custody without incident and charged with:

- **Aggravated Animal Cruelty**
- **Domestic Battery**

Lemay was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he was initially held without bond.

Lemay was given a \$2,000 bond at his first appearance.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office was deeply saddened to learn this kitten, who was adopted from Animal Services, was the victim of a random act of senseless violence.



**Cayden Lemay**

***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!***