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Media Release

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Re: Detectives Investigate Shooting and Domestic Violence - 2023-39585

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On 12-16-23 at approximately 4:20 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies, along with Hernando County Fire Rescue were dispatched to a residence on Young Street in Brooksville regarding a possible Shooting.

A 9-1-1 caller reported hearing people arguing, then hearing what they believed to gunfire.

Upon arrival, deputies met with Arthur Clinton, who was sitting in a vehicle in the roadway. Clinton was suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg. Clinton told deputies, "She shot me by accident." Clinton was then transported, by ambulance, to a local trauma center.

Deputies also met with a female who was sitting in the vehicle with Clinton.

The female told deputies she had been involved in an altercation with Clinton, while they were at a local bar. Upon returning to the residence on Young Street, Clinton removed a firearm from the vehicle and placed it on the front porch.

Clinton then began battering the female, subsequently knocking her to the ground. Clinton then got on top of the female and began strangling her, to the point her breathing was impaired.

When Clinton stopped strangling the female she was able to get up. She retrieved the firearm that Clinton had previously placed on the porch. Clinton then charged at the female again. In self-defense, the female fired a round from the firearm, striking Clinton in the leg.

Clinton and the female then got into the vehicle, at which time the female was going to take Clinton to the hospital.

Deputies did observe visible injuries the female, including several broken fingernails, scratches on both arms, and dirt and leaves in her hair (from being knocked to the ground).

Due to the female's visible injuries, detectives developed probable cause for the arrest of Clinton.

Once released from the hospital, Clinton was transported to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office. Clinton refused to speak to detectives about the incident.

Arthur Clinton DOB/06-22-1981 was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- Domestic Battery by Strangulation
- No Bond.

The female was not charged with any crime(s).

The case remains under investigation.

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!