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Re: Man Charged After Disturbance at Local Bar – 2024-00144175

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On 04-28-24 at approximately 2:25 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Jersey's Hometown Tavern, located at 4598 Commercial Way in Spring Hill, to investigate reports of a person on scene armed with a weapon.

A representative of Jersey's reported that an unknown black male with dreadlocks, wearing a white shirt, was creating issues inside the bar and refused to leave when requested to do so. The suspect was subsequently removed from the bar after stealing drinks from other customers.

While the suspect was being removed from the bar, it was discovered that he had a firearm in his waistband. The suspect removed the firearm from his waistband and began hitting the Jersey's representative in the head with it.

Deputies arrived quickly and observed an individual matching the description of the suspect outside the bar. Witnesses who were also outside, pointed to the individual, advising deputies he was the one they were looking for.

When instructed by deputies to stop, the suspect refused to do so. Instead, he fled on foot in the direction of another bar nearby. The suspect subsequently changed course, heading toward a wooded area, where he was ultimately detained by deputies.

During the foot pursuit, the suspect removed his shirt, wrapped the firearm inside the shirt, and tossed it in the wood line.

Deputy S. Derryberry and his canine partner Meck, conducted a search of the area where the suspect had been running and were able to locate a black handgun and the white shirt the suspect was originally wearing.

The suspect, who refused to provide his identity, was eventually identified as Steven Delaine.

Steven Delaine DOB/07-29-1997 was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- Resist Arrest w/o Violence
- Illegal Possession of Firearm
- Aggravated Battery w/Deadly Weapon
- No Bond.

Delaine was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center.