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### Media Release

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Re: UPDATE - Several Juveniles Charged with Rioting at Brooksville Youth Academy – 2024-00212553

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#### Update

During First Appearance on 07-29-24, the Honorable Judge Daniel Merritt Jr., remanded all juveniles (who were originally released back to the Brooksville Youth Academy) into custody.

As per Judge Merritt's order, the juveniles were delivered to the Department of Juvenile Justice in Ocala.

#### Original Information – 07-29-24

On 07-28-24 just after 11 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies, along with Hernando County Fire Rescue were dispatched to the Brooksville Youth Academy, located at 201 Culbreath Road in Brooksville in regard to dozens of juveniles fighting.

It should be noted, the Brooksville Youth Academy, a private company, provides residential treatment programs for male youth, ages 13 – 17, who have mental health and behavioral needs that require temporary care in a structured, supportive, and therapeutic setting. Some juveniles are court-ordered to reside at the facility, while others are voluntary. The facility houses approximately 50 juveniles (total) in the five dormitories on the property.

The caller, a staff member at the facility, stated that "dozens of juveniles" were fighting in one or more of the dormitories and in the courtyard.

Staff members attempted to intervene; however, were unsuccessful in breaking up all fights between the juveniles.

Nearby deputies from the Pasco County Sheriff's Office and Troopers with the Florida Highway Patrol were made aware of the incident, and responded to assist Hernando County Sheriff's Office deputies.

Upon arrival, deputies began helping staff re-establish order and tended to injured juveniles and staff members. All juveniles were separated and interviewed by detectives.

Investigation revealed that as one group of juveniles was being escorted back to their dormitory, through the courtyard, juveniles from other dormitories began fighting at that location and within one or more of the dormitories on the property.

During, and immediately following the disturbance, staff members confiscated several improvised weapons from some of the juveniles involved. Deputies later collected the evidence from staff members.

The following individuals were transported to local hospitals:

- **Juvenile** – Bruised eye, laceration to hand
- **Juvenile** – Concussion, fractured nose (punched and stomped by other juveniles)
- **Juvenile** – Bruised eye and lower lip
- **Juvenile** – Lacerations to both hands (punched a window)
- **Adult Staff Member** – Injured ankle (was trampled and pinned in a doorway).

After treatment, all victims were released from the hospital.

The following individuals were arrested and charged as follows:

- **Owin Cramer**
  - o Attempted Murder (2 counts)
  - o Transferred to Department of Juvenile Justice
- **Jaylon Mitchell**
  - o Riot (2 counts)
  - o Released back to facility
- **Gunner Scott**
  - o Riot
  - o Released back to facility
- **Leon Kerr**
  - o Riot
  - o Released back to facility
- **Daymeon Solage**
  - o Riot
  - o Released back to facility

- **Eric Mireles**
  - o Attempted Murder
  - o Riot
  - o Inciting Riot
  - o Transferred to Department of Juvenile Justice
  
- **Lance Campbell Jr.**
  - o Riot
  - o Released back to facility
  
- **Seth Long**
  - o Riot
  - o Released back to facility
  
- **Royale Carpenter**
  - o Riot
  - o Released back to facility
  
- **Juan Pablo Caul**
  - o Riot
  - o Released back to facility
  
- **Clayton Smith**
  - o Riot
  - o Released back to facility
  
- **Andres Yellowhorse**
  - o Battery on Facility Staff (2 counts)
  - o Battery on LEO
  - o Released back to facility
  
- **Juvenile – Misdemeanor Charges Only**
  - o Criminal Mischief (2 counts)
  
- **Luis Angel Bonilla**
  - o Riot
  - o Released back to facility
  
- **Jamarcus Kanard Washington**
  - o Riot
  - o Released back to facility
  
- **John Robert Edson**
  - o Riot

- Released back to facility
- **Jamarcus Thomas Richards**
  - Riot
  - Released back to facility
- **Tawrence Boneshirt**
  - Warrant – Sexual Battery (*Not related to the incident*)
  - Transferred to Department of Juvenile Justice

During the incident, two of the juveniles were charged with attempted murder. The first individual was found in possession of an improvised weapon, which he used during the attack, resulting in injuries to other juveniles involved. The second individual was observed repeatedly stomping on the head and face of another juvenile, in an act that could have resulted in the death or great bodily harm to the victim.

Detectives continue to be in contact with several state agencies and oversight organizations in regard to this incident.

The case remains under investigation.