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Media Release

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Re: Brooksville Man Arrested on Charge of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm –
2026-00187183

Date: April 30 2026

On 04-29-2026 at approximately 8 p.m., deputies with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence on Adams Street in Brooksville following reports of a shooting in the area.

Upon arrival, deputies located an adult male victim suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the buttock. According to the victim, he had been walking from a residence on Star Road to his home on Madison Street when he attempted to take a shortcut through a wooded area.

While walking through the woods, the victim reported hearing a man shout at him to stop, accusing him of trespassing. The individual, later identified as Zachary Ashmore DOB/02-09-1997, was standing on a second-floor balcony and pointing a firearm at the victim.

The victim stated he raised his hands, apologized, and began to walk away. Ashmore then fired multiple rounds in the victim's direction, striking him once. The victim was able to flee to a nearby residence, where he called 911.

The victim further indicated he was outside the fenced perimeter of Ashmore's property at the time of the shooting.

During questioning, Ashmore told detectives he retrieved his firearm after hearing his dogs barking and believed someone was attempting to break into his home. He stated he instructed the individual not to move and intended to contact law enforcement. When the individual began walking away, Ashmore told investigators he fired several rounds in the man's direction, claiming he intended only to scare him and not cause harm.

The victim was transported to a local hospital, where he was treated and later released.

Ashmore was arrested and charged with **Aggravated Battery with a Firearm**. He was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center, where he is being held without bond.



Zachary Ashmore

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