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Media Advisory: Gainesville Man Charged with Attempted Murder in Overnight Attack on Roommate

On Monday, October 30, 2017 at approximately 8:53 p.m., ASO Deputies responded to the Palms of Archer Mobile Home Community located at 7117 SW Archer Rd. Lot # 2712, Gainesville, in reference to an active physical disturbance.

The initial report to ASO was that a male victim had just been "pistol whipped" at the incident location. Deputies arrived on scene within minutes to find the male victim walking along a sidewalk within the neighborhood with blood on his face and hands. The victim told Deputies that he and his roommate Charles White Jr., were involved in a verbal altercation over White telling the victim's friend he was not welcome at the home. Prior to the argument, White made it very apparent that he was holding a handgun in the front of his waistband. White got upset with the victim verbally challenging him and grabbed him by the neck, while chambering a round in the gun. White placed the gun against the victim's forehead. During the physical fight, both men fell to the ground creating an opportunity for White to pin the victim to the ground while continuing to choke him. White then began striking the victim in the face with the gun, before again sticking the barrel of the gun to the victim's forehead. The victim grabbed the barrel of the gun and the two began to fight over it. The victim was able to push the gun away from his head, just as White was pulling the trigger causing a round to strike the ground next to the victim. Both men were able to free themselves, allowing the victim to get into a car with his friend and flee the area.

While Deputies spoke with the victim, White was observed attempting to leave the area in a vehicle. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on White at the 5800 block of SW Archer Rd, where he was detained.

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Investigation into this incident produced physical evidence as well as several witnesses to confirm the account provided by the victim. A criminal history search on White revealed him to be a convicted felon who by Florida State Statute does not have the right to possess a firearm.

White was arrested for Attempted Murder and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

He was transported to the Alachua County Jail without incident.

(Attachments: Arrest Report)

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