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Media Advisory: Gainesville Man breaks into home of ex-girlfriend and commits battery

On 10/31/2017 at 8:33 a.m., ASO Deputies responded to 4406 SW 74th Terrace Apt. #4, Gainesville, in reference to an "In-Progress" Burglary.

The victim called 911 to report that her ex-boyfriend Travis Stevens had just kicked her front door down. The victim was hiding in a back bedroom while reporting to the 911 operator that Stevens was pacing between the living room and kitchen areas stating "I better not catch you out here, everyone who did me wrong will suffer."

Just prior to ASO Deputies arriving on scene, the victim reported to the 911 operator that she believed Stevens fled the residence. Once on scene, Deputies did not find Stevens, however, they did find a very distraught victim who was clearly in fear for her safety.

Investigation into this incident revealed that Stevens and the Victim were previously involved in a dating relationship, where they shared a common residence. Earlier in the day, Stevens called the victim to ask if he could get a blanket from her home. The victim agreed to let Stevens retrieve a blanket. Stevens arrived a short time later, where he was authorized by the victim to enter the residence, but quickly left without retrieving the blanket. The victim closed the door behind Stevens, while speaking on the phone with his grandmother. The victim said that while she was on the phone, Stevens knocked on the door a second time. The victim opened the door and told Stevens she was on the phone with his grandmother, which caused him to be upset. The victim then closed the door, locking both the bottom and deadbolt locks. Shortly after, Stevens kicked the door open, while the victim standing directly on the other side. The force of the kick caused the door to hit the victim's hand, breaking her fingernail and causing injury to her hand. The victim became fearful for her safety, retreating to a back bedroom where she immediately called 911.

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Additional Deputies responded to this incident in order to set up a perimeter. The ASO Air Unit, as well as the High Springs Police Department's K-9 unit responded, to assist with locating Stevens. Those initial efforts were unsuccessful and the perimeter was dismantled.

Later in the evening, several Deputies located Stevens walking in the area of Tower Village, where he was immediately detained. Based upon statements from Stevens, the victim, as well as physical evidence, Stevens was arrested for Burglary with Assault or Battery and Criminal Mischief.

Stevens is being held at the Alachua County Jail on a \$15,000.00 bond.

Attachments:

Redacted Arrest Report

Booking Photo

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