



City of Ocoee Police Department

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Attempted Homicide FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: Sunday, July 18, 2010
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OCOEE POLICE DEPARTMENT CASE NUMBER - # 2010-00024742

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, July 17, 2010 at approximately 8: 59 PM
LOCATION: 2631 Palastro Way, Ocoee FL 34761

Ocoee Police responded to 2631 Palastro Way in reference to a domestic disturbance involving a shooting with injuries.

Upon arrival at the residence, Ocoee Police discovered that a family argument had been ongoing during the day. Rafael Rodriguez, 6/16/1966, father, had been drinking throughout the day and became extremely intoxicated. At approximately 8:45 pm, Rafael Rodriguez produced a 22 caliber semi-automatic pistol and pointed it at his wife. The weapon did not fire and the 17-year-old son came to the assistance of his mother. At the mother's direction, the son began walking away, at which point Rafael Rodriguez pointed the firearm at his son firing one round striking the son behind the ear. The mother struggled with Rafael Rodriguez and was able to get the gun away. Rafael Rodriguez then fled the area in the family vehicle.

The son was transported to the hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries. The bullet had entered and exited and he is currently listed in stable condition. Due to the victim's age, hospital location and name are not being released at this time.

At approximately 12:40 am, July 18, 2010, Orange County Sheriff's Office Deputies found Rafael Rodriguez passed out on the side of the road near Apopka. He was taken into custody without incident and charged with two counts of Attempted First Degree Murder and is currently in the Orange County Jail.

Ocoee Police have responded to this residence in the past for domestic violence. Rafael Rodriguez has been previously arrested for Aggravated Assault with a Weapon from one of these incidents.

There is no further information at this time. Ocoee Police will not be conducting interviews in this matter at this time.

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