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STABBING SUSPECT IN CUSTODY IN PASCO COUNTY; CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED 1ST DEGREE MURDER

WHO: Robert L. Burton (Arrested)
DOB: 4-9-91
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Melissa Dohme (Victim)
DOB: 1-10-92
Clearwater, Fla.

WHAT: Stabbing/Attempted Homicide

WHERE: 300 block of Glenwood
Clearwater, Fla.

WHEN: January 24, 2012
3:17 a.m.

SUMMARY: Clearwater Police responded to the area for a reported stabbing. When they arrived, they found the victim in the street with multiple stab wounds. The victim was able to identify her attacker as her ex-boyfriend, Robert Burton. She remains in critical condition at this time.

Two witnesses intervened and stopped the stabbing. The suspect fled in a vehicle and they were able to provide a description. They were not injured.

Around 7am, CPD was notified that FHP had come across a traffic crash in Hudson and the suspect was identified as the driver. The suspect had apparently overdosed on unknown pills and was transported to Bayonet Point Hospital in Hudson.





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Clearwater Police Homicide Detectives responded and have Burton in custody. He is still being treated but is expected to recover. When he regains consciousness he will be placed under arrest. When he is released from the hospital, he will be transported to the Pasco County Jail to await extradition to Pinellas County.



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