



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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OFFICERS APPREHEND ATTEMPTED MURDER SUSPECT

ATHENS, TENNESSEE – August 13, 2021 – On Thursday, August 12, 2021 at approximately 2:45 pm, officers were dispatched to 603 Aqua Street in reference to a woman who had allegedly been cut with a knife.

Upon arrival, they found a forty-five year old female sitting on the floor with blood flowing from a wound in her neck. There was a large gash in her neck. Officers began providing first aid and emergency medical personnel arrived shortly thereafter.

Upon examining the scene and interviewing witnesses, officers determined that an acquaintance, Rodney Carroll, he been in a fight with the victim and allegedly cut her throat with a knife of some sort.

As officers began searching for Mr. Carroll, APD Sergeant Tony Byers located him near an area hotel. Several Deputies from the McMinn County Sheriff's Office arrived quickly to help SGT Byers take Mr. Carroll into custody.

Mr. Carroll was eventually turned over to the McMinn County Jail on charges of:

Attempted Second Degree Murder (TCA 39-12-101)
Especially Aggravated Burglary (TCA 39-14-404)

The victim was eventually transported to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

Chief Couch, of the Police Department, said "As always, I'm so thankful for and impressed by the actions of the officers involved in this case. Through their diligent efforts, a dangerous suspect was quickly taken into custody. We're thankful for the speedy assistance by the Sheriff's Office, EMS and all those involved in the response to this brutal incident. Our prayers are with the victim and for her recovery."

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