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Man Arrested for Attempted Murder after Deputy Interrupts Attack

Just after 3:00 a.m. on July 16, 2011, Deputy James Sadler was on patrol in the 400 block of College Avenue when he observed a man attacking a woman on the side of the road. Deputy Sadler alerted other deputies and rushed to assist. When the attacker realized the deputy was there, he fled the area but was quickly apprehended.

The victim, 20 year old Christine Portalatin, told Violent Crimes detectives that she was walking away from an area business when the man ran up behind her, wrapped something around her neck and tried to choke her. As the victim fought to break free by hitting the man with the shoes she was carrying, she saw a car approaching and pulled her attacker into the roadway to be seen. That approaching car was Deputy Sadler.

Conway Tullier, 35, was taken to the Leon County Sheriff's Office, where he was interviewed by detectives and then booked into the Leon County Jail. Detectives said Tullier used a shoe lace in his attempt to strangle Portalatin. Tullier is a transient who deputies believe has been in the area for one month.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said, "This victim acted very bravely. She did an incredible job of fighting for her life. I'm glad the deputy was close by and we are all fortunate to have this man off of the streets and in custody."

ARRESTED:

Conway Tullier
DOB: 1-21-1976



Charges: Attempted Murder

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