

# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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### Fernando Lazaro Charged with Attempted Murder

At 5:35pm on September 22, 2011, Kanisha Edwards was driving a black 2005 Pontiac Gran Prix on West Tennessee Street just west of Capital Circle. Ms. Edwards contacted the Leon County Sheriff's Office after her car was struck by a dark colored 2004 Chevrolet truck. The driver of the truck fled the scene and Ms. Edwards followed. Ms. Edwards was able to keep the truck in sight while alerting deputies of the suspect's location. Within four minutes, Deputy Michael Crego was on scene and located the suspect, who was still in the truck.

When Deputy Crego asked the driver, Fernando Lazaro, 29, to step out of the vehicle, Lazaro refused and began accelerating the vehicle directly towards the deputy. Deputy Crego fired multiple shots at Lazaro, striking him twice (once in the area of each shoulder). Deputies later determined that the truck driven by Lazaro was reported stolen. Lazaro was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital where he was treated for his injuries. After being released from the hospital late Friday evening, Lazaro was booked into the Leon County Jail.

Sheriff Larry Campbell stated, "I'm glad Deputy Crego was able to avoid being run over by this man. I hope Lazaro knows how lucky he is and I also hope this sends the message that force will be met with force."

### ARRESTED

**Fernando Lazaro**  
**DOB: 07-09-1982**



**Charges: Attempted Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer, Grand Theft Auto, Leaving the Scene of a Crash and Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid Driver's License**

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