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Sword Wielding Subject Arrested

Leon County- A sword wielding man was arrested after threatening a preacher at his church.

Shortly before 7:00 PM Wednesday evening Leon County Sheriff's Deputies were called to the area of the Faith Healing Church in the 4700 block of the Crawfordville Highway reference a man brandishing, a sword involved in a disturbance, and attempting to break into the church.

The first deputies on scene found a confrontation between several individuals at the church. They quickly took the reported attacker, William Braswell, 1-6-72 into custody. The victim, who is also the minister of the church, told deputies Braswell is his employee in a personally owned business and that he had come to the church to turn in his timesheets. According to witnesses Braswell became angry at the victim due to a discrepancy over money and threatened to kill the victim. During the confrontation Braswell reportedly armed himself with the sword and threatened to kill the victim. He also reportedly struck the victim with his hands.

Church members were able to pull the victim into the church and away from Braswell. Braswell reportedly then tried to pry open the doors of the church with the sword.

Friends of Braswell that were on scene were able to disarm him and secure the sword just before deputies arrived.

"This attack is clearly over money and has no religious motivation or undertones" said Sgt. Chris Chase, LCSO Spokesman.

While in custody Braswell reportedly kicked out the rear window of the deputy's patrol car. He also attempted to bite a deputy and refused to cooperate with correctional officers at the Leon County Jail. He remains there charged with Aggravated Assault, Armed Burglary, Battery, and Criminal Mischief.



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