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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Deputies Arrest Theft Suspect with Weapon**

On Sunday, May 15 at approximately 12:35 p.m., Leon County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a business in the 5300 block of Capital Circle Southwest regarding a theft.

Upon arrival, deputies were told the suspect stole from a vendor and later produced a weapon. When confronted by the vendor, the suspect raised a hatchet toward the vendor and a second person. The suspect then left the scene, walking westbound on Capital Circle towards Crawfordville Road.

A short time later, LCSO deputies observed a man matching the suspect's description in the parking lot of a business in the 5000 block of Capital Circle Southwest. The man also had a weapon matching the hatchet described by witnesses where the initial incident occurred.

LCSO deputies gave the suspect several commands to comply and drop the weapon. The suspect eventually dropped the weapon, but would not comply with deputies' commands to move away from the weapon. A deputy deployed his taser twice and after a brief struggle, the suspect was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital for precautionary measures.

The suspect has been identified as 42-year-old John Rawls. He will be charged with two counts of Aggravated Assault, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, and Resisting Arrest. More charges could be forthcoming. Tallahassee Police Officers also responded to the business.



**NAME:** John Rawls

**DOB:** 03/31/1982

**CHARGES:**

Two counts of Aggravated Assault  
Carrying a Concealed Weapon  
Resisting Arrest



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