



Pembroke Pines Police Department



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MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO: Amanda Conwell

DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE: July 31, 2023

TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE: 12:30 p.m.

CASE NUMBER: PPPD23OFF049395

CHARGE/INCIDENT: Attempted Murder; Aggravated Battery

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: July 30, 2023

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 5:50 p.m.

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: NW 88 Avenue & NW 8th Street

SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1) Debra Elena Whiteman; 24-years-old; DOB 10/01/1998; White Female; Pembroke Pines, FL

VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1) Adult Male

2) Unborn Child

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

On July 30, 2023, the Pembroke Pines Police Department arrived at a residence in the area of NW 88 Avenue & NW 8th Street regarding a domestic disturbance. The suspect, 24-year-old Debra Elena Whiteman, is 39-weeks pregnant and has been attempting to terminate the pregnancy over the last two to three months through the use of pills, alcohol, and punching herself in the stomach.

Following an argument with the child's father (Victim #1) regarding her actions, the suspect stabbed the victim while he was asleep in his bedroom. The suspect was disarmed by a family member, and police were contacted. The victim was transported to a nearby hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to tips@ppines.com, or call Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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Following our preliminary investigation it was determined that the suspect attempted to kill her unborn child multiple times during her pregnancy, including when the child was full-term. The suspect then deliberately and intentionally stabbed the child's father.

Whiteman is being charged with Premeditated Attempted Murder and Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon. She is currently in custody and receiving medical care at a local hospital under the supervision of the Broward Sheriff's Office.