



Brooksville Police Department

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Hernando County Crime Stoppers 1-866-990-8477 (TIPS)

Date: 11/02/2017

INCIDENT: Count 1: Impersonating a Police Officer
Count 2: Battery

DEFENDANT: Richard Charles Bretton, 11/21/1960
12 Blue Spruce Dr, Newtown, Ct

CHARGE(S): Personating a Police Officer and Battery

WHEN: October 30, 2017

WHERE: 7305 Broad Street, Brooksville, Fla (Walmart)



NARRATIVE:

On October 30, 2017, the Brooksville Police Department was dispatched to the Walmart store located at 7305 Broad Street to investigate battery. Upon arrival officers were advised by the juvenile female victim that at approx. 6pm she was sitting in her vehicle in the Walmart parking lot when an unknown suspect knocked on her driver's window. Upon opening the window the suspect told the victim he was an "undercover police officer" and was investigating suspicious activity in the Walmart parking lot. While the suspect was talking to the victim he made several lewd comments to her and then reached into her vehicle through the open window and grabbed her leg area. The suspect then fled in his vehicle which was later identified through video surveillance footage. A BOLO was put out for the vehicle and it was located on November 1, 2017 in Spring Hill at approximately 9pm.

Detectives of the Brooksville Police Department Criminal Investigative Division responded and later presented a photo line-up to the victim who positively identified RICHARD CHARLES BRETTON. BRETTON was subsequently arrested for impersonating a police officer and battery and his bond was set at \$6,000.

If you have information regarding this crime, please contact the Brooksville Police Department at 352-540-3800. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the Hernando County Crime Stoppers Toll free at 1-866-990-8477 (TIPS) or you may email your tip by clicking below.

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