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## Police Officers Honored



Chiefland Police Chief Robert Douglas holds one of the four medals of merit that he presented to law enforcement officers for going above and beyond the call of duty in July. He also presented framed certificates to three Chiefland Police Department officers and one Levy County Sheriff's Office deputy Monday night (Sept. 12) for their work in apprehending a man suspected of attempted murder. CPD catches attempted murder suspect CPD Officer Scott Anderson, CPD Officer Tyler Brown, Deputy John Gullede and CPD Sgt. James Yanok were honored for the work they did on July 3.



Seen here (from left) are CPD Officer Scott Anderson, City Commissioner Teresa Barron, CPD Officer Tyler Brown, City Commissioner Rollin Hudson, LCSO Deputy John Gullede, Chief Robert Douglas, Mayor Betty Walker, CPD Sgt. James Yanok and Vice Mayor Chris Jones. Chief Douglas said these officers helped protect civilians from the danger of an armed man who had just committed a violent crime.

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These officers caught Michael Lee Hannigan, 33, of Chiefland late that Sunday night and arrested the man for attempted murder, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and armed burglary, according to records. It was that Sunday night at approximately 10:30, when officers responded to the area of Northeast 11th Terrace after dispatchers alerted them to a report of a male victim who had been attacked with a knife by an unknown male suspect, according to records. The victim alleged that he had found Hannigan sleeping in his camper, which is located in the backyard of the victim's residence. Officers were advised that upon the victim attempting to call law enforcement after finding the unknown male suspect in his camper sleeping, the suspect followed the victim and attacked him with a kitchen knife. The victim was transported to a Gainesville hospital for injuries via a Levy County Department of Public Safety ambulance. Officers conducted a search of the area to locate the attacker, who had fled on foot, according to records. That is when Anderson, Brown, Yanok and Gullede located the suspect who was hiding inside a dumpster in a back alley behind the Save-A-Lot supermarket, approximately two blocks away from the victim's residence. Hannigan was armed with a fixed blade knife with blood stains on himself and the knife, according to records. Hannigan was arrested by Anderson and taken to the Levy County Jail, where he was booked in early on Monday morning (July 4).

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