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HOWARD COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS CHARGED 54-YEAR-OLD JAMES HAMPTON WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER AND BATTERY IN CONNECTION WITH A STABBING INCIDENT ON SATURDAY

Kokomo, IN- The Howard County Prosecutor's Office announced today that it has filed Attempted Murder and Battery charges against 54-year-old James Hampton of Kokomo.

These charges are the result of a stabbing that occurred around 5:00 am Saturday morning in the 600 blk S on county road 750 West. Howard County Deputies were dispatched to that location and upon arrival, they located 35-year-old Derek Wheeler suffering from apparent stab wounds. Wheeler was transported to Community Howard Hospital, then airlifted to a Fort Wayne hospital for further treatment and was listed in critical condition.

Subsequent investigation led investigators to an address on Branded Boulevard in Kokomo where a search warrant was executed and Hampton was arrested.

The Howard County Prosecutor's Office emphasized that the filing of the Informations are merely allegations, and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

Respectfully,

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