

LAKELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Media Release

Issuing Authority: Sergeant Terri Smith, PIO

Date: March 8, 2010



Ryan Joe Clark
DOB: 3/27/80

Lakeland Police Department Arrest Man for Attempted Homicide

The Lakeland Police Department is investigating a suspicious incident regarding significant injuries that occurred to an infant on March 6, 2010. The grandmother of the infant, Bridgit Ward, is the legal guardian of the infant. Ward returned home from work and discovered the infant not breathing. The infant had been in the care of his stepfather, Ryan Joe Clarke, DOB: 3/27/80, while Ward was at work. Ward and Clarke rushed the infant to L.R.M.C. The infant was air lifted to Tampa General Hospital where he remains in critical condition with life threatening injuries.

The investigation indicated that the suspect intentionally inflicted injuries on the infant while he was in his care. Lakeland Police Department obtained a warrant for the arrest of Clarke who lives in Orlando. Clarke was taken into custody late this afternoon without incident by the Orlando Police Department, who was working in conjunction with Lakeland Police Detectives. Clarke is currently in Orange County Jail and has been charged with Attempted Felony Murder (F1), and Aggravated Child Abuse (F1).

This incident remains under investigation. Media inquiries should be directed to Sergeant Terri Smith, PIO, 863.834.6917.

This information is also posted on www.lpdonlinenews.com.

UCR CODE _____ SID# _____
EVENT CODE _____ JUVENILE ADULT

IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

ARRESTING AGENCY/REPORT NO. LPD/10-4272
ARRESTING OFFICER Det. B.S. Grice BADGE# 187
AGENCY ORI FL0531200 OBITS # _____
DATE/TIME OF ARREST _____
PLACE OF ARREST _____

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NOTICE TO APPEAR COMPLAINT AFFIDAVIT ARREST REPORT

CITY OF LAKELAND, COUNTY OF POLK, STATE OF FLORIDA:

The undersigned affiant swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that on March 6, 2010
at approximately _____ in the vicinity of 3150 Pyramid Pkwy #7, Lakeland, Polk County, Florida.

NAME CLARKE RYAN JOB _____ ALIAS: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)
ADDRESS 5525 CINDERLANE PKWY #213, ORLANDO, FL 32808 PHONE _____
D.L.# _____ ST MN SS# _____ DOB March 27, 1980 R/S WM
HT. 5'6 WT. 205 HAIR BLK EYES _____ POB _____ MARITAL STATUS _____
SCARS _____ COMP _____ BUILD _____ SPEECH _____ OCCUPATION _____
EMPLOYER _____ PHONE _____
(JUV-PARENTS) _____ PHONE _____

committed the offense(s) of:

- ATTEMPTED FELONY MURDER FSS/MO/CO 782.051 Level/Degree FL/PBL
- AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE FSS/MO/CO 827.03(2)(a) Level/Degree F1
- _____ FSS/MO/CO _____ Level/Degree _____

Probable Cause:

"SEE ATTACHED PROBABLE CAUSE"

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, this March 8, 2010
Det. P. Bill Wallace #169 Det. B.S. Grice #187
Deputy Clerk/Notary Public/LEO Affiant

Personally known
 Produced ID Type: _____

Co-defendants: _____

Victim: MARK EDWARD BASARICH WARD 3150 PYRAMID PKWY #7, LAKELAND, FL
name address phone

Witness: SEE POLICE REPORTS
name address phone

Witness: _____
name address phone

NOTICE TO APPEAR

I agree to appear in Court located at _____, Florida on _____
at _____ to answer the charge(s) in this complaint. I understand that a willful failure to appear will result
in a warrant for my arrest and may be a new offense.

Date _____ Defendant _____

NO BILL/PETITION PROSECUTION APPROVED: _____
Assistant State Attorney