



Chief David A. Ogden

WINDERMERE POLICE DEPARTMENT

620 Main Street, Windermere, Florida 34786

It is with heartfelt sadness that I write to you today regarding a horrific tragedy in our Town. My goal is to provide information directly and not to delve further into an ongoing active investigation at this time. If you have information that you believe it helpful to the case please contact Detective John Allen at the Windermere Police Department.

On 07/30/2020, at approximately 11:09 PM, a ten-year-old child called 9-1-1 from 2908 Sunbittern Court, Windermere, FL where he lives with grandparents, and reported the home was being burglarized. The Winter Garden Police Department 9-1-1 operator kept the child on the phone line while he hid in the bathroom and the suspect was in the residence with his grandfather, grandmother, and uncle identified above. Officers from the Windermere Police Department, the Ocoee Police Department, Oakland Police Department and deputies from the Orange County Sheriff's Office responded to the burglary in progress.

Unified Command was established and a joint team made entry inside the home. Hostage negotiators responded to the scene and began communicating with the suspect through a closed door. A tactical decision was made to make entry into the bathroom. The defendant, EZEKIEL EMANUEL HOPKINS, was located inside and arrested. The defendant was transported to Health Central as he appeared to have drunk bleach and was not very responsive while at the scene.

The Windermere Police Department requested additional homicide detectives from the Orange County Sheriff's Office to assist with the scene and at the hospital. Detective Allen has secured a warrant for two counts of Murder F.S. 782.04(1)(a) and Aggravated Battery F.S. 784.045(2) on the suspect.

Further investigation revealed that the defendant, EZEKIEL EMANUEL HOPKINS, drove his vehicle through the subdivision gate and crashed into some bushes next to the residence at 2908 Sunbittern Court, Windermere, FL. The homeowners confronted the defendant at which time he attacked Mr. Savey. The defendant then went inside the residence and attacked Mrs. Savey who had retreated into her home. The defendant also attacked their adult son James. Both Mr. Savey and his son James died on the scene. The defendant struck all three victims with a bat. Mrs. Lisa Savey survived the attack, and was transported to the hospital where she was admitted with serious injuries.

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Again, our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to the family and our community who have been with our community for over 20 years. We all stand ready to assist in any way possible.

The case is active and ongoing as I write this letter. Further information is being held for investigative purposes. No evidence will be released at this time.

Regards,
Chief Dave Ogden

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