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SHOPLIFTING LEADS TO ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (10/1/12) – Temple Terrace police have charged a man with attempted murder after a shoplifting incident escalated into a life-threatening encounter.

The incident occurred about 7:45 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28, 2012 at K-Mart, 5400 E. Busch Blvd., in Temple Terrace. According to the Temple Terrace Police Department, a man and woman attempted to leave the store with a 50-inch flat-screen TV and an Angry Birds alarm clock in a shopping cart. The merchandise was valued at about \$840.

The couple has been identified as Louis Anthony Murray, 32, no known address; and Shadaveya Vanessa Jones, 23, of 8319 Allamanda Ave., Tampa.

A loss prevention agent noticed the couple “passed all the points of sale without attempting to pay for any of the items.” The couple began to exit the store through the Garden Center when they were approached by the loss prevention agent, who asked them to return inside.

A verbal argument ensued. Murray then punched the loss prevention agent in the neck, which led to a physical altercation involving all three. Murray instructed Jones to “get the car and run us over.” Jones got into a Buick LeSabre and drove toward them, striking the loss prevention specialist in the foot.

At that point, a second loss prevention agent arrived and noticed that Murray was now armed with a knife, and was attempting to stab the first prevention specialist in the neck. The second prevention specialist was able to wrestle the knife away. Meanwhile, Jones leaned through the passenger window of her vehicle and continued to strike the loss prevention agents.

Temple Terrace police arrived and arrested Murray and Jones at the scene. The loss prevention specialists were not seriously injured. Murray was charged with attempted felony murder, attempted grand theft, battery and resisting a retail merchant.

Jones was charged with aggravated battery, aggravated assault, simple battery and resisting a retail merchant.

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