

ARREST REPORT

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Altamonte Springs Police Department

Region: A

Marsy's Law CV:

For the Public: Yes

CSA: A07 GRID 32

Juvenile: No

Agency ORI#: FL0590100

OBTS#:

Agency Report #: 202310000364

Weapon Seized: No

Weapon Type: HANDGUN

Arrest Location: S SR 434 & ORANGE AVE, ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714

Offense Location: 240 S SR 434, ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714

Arrest Date/Time: 2/16/2023 11:35

Booked Date/Time:

Jail Date/Time: 2/16/2023 13:06

Fingerprinted:

Jail#: 2255

Local#:

FDLE#:

DOC#:

DEFENDANT

Name: HENDRICKS, AMARI BENTE

Race: B

Sex: F

DOB: 12/24/1998

FILED

Or Age:

Height: 508 Weight: 160 Eyes: BRO Hair: BLK

Alcohol Related: N

Drug Related: N

Court Translator: N

Language:

Local Address:

32714

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL

Phone: N/A

Residence: City

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Next of Kin: N/A

Relationship: NOT APPLICABLE

NOK Phone: N/A

Religion: NONE GIVEN

Business Name: N/A

Business Address:

Job: N/A

Business Phone: N/A

CLERK SEMINOLE COUNTY

DL#:

DL State: FL

SSN:

Marital: S

Place of Birth: FL

GPS monitored: N Citizenship: United States of America

If not a U.S. citizen, contact embassy consulate

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Alias Name(s):

Person Identifier(s):

SKIN TONE BLK SKIN TONE BLK

Co-Defendant(s):

Name

Race

Sex

DOB

or Age

CHARGE(S)

Counts	Charge Description	Statute#	Ordinance	Attempt/Commit	Reason#	Type
1	RESIST OFFICER OBSTRUCT WO VIOLENCE (BOND-\$500)	843.02	No	Commit		Probable Cause
	Drug Activity: N/A Drug Type: N/A				Drug Qty:	0.00
1	BATTERY CAUSE BODILY HARM (BOND-\$500)	784.03 1a2	No	Commit		Probable Cause
	Drug Activity: N/A Drug Type: N/A				Drug Qty:	0.00
2	AGGRAV ASSLT - WEAPON W DEADLY WEAPON WITHOUT INTENT TO KILL (BOND-\$5,000-2K) none	784.021 1a	No	Commit		Probable Cause
	Drug Activity: N/A Drug Type: N/A				Drug Qty:	0.00
1	WEAPON OFFENSE IMPROPER EXHIBIT FIREARM OR DANGEROUS WEAPON (BOND-\$500)	790.10	No	Commit		Probable Cause
	Drug Activity: N/A Drug Type: N/A				Drug Qty:	0.00

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The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named defendant committed the following violation of law:

On the 16 of February 2023 at 11:35 AM (Specifically include facts constituting cause for arrest.) | BOND: 11,500.00

P.C. Exists for Charge(s): _____ Judges's Signature: _____ Date: _____

On February 16, 2023 at approximately 1132 hours I was responding to the McDonalds at 240 S SR 434, in reference to a black female with a gun in her hand. As officers arrived on scene multiple members of the McDonald's staff pointed out a vehicle driving out of the shopping plaza parking lot towards Orange Ave. Officers conducted a traffic stop on a blue Chevrolet bearing FL TAG A199LQ and made contact with the sole occupant, a black female later identified as Amari Bente Hendricks.

I came in contact with several McDonald's employees, two of them being Eudany Esther Ruiz, and Erick Jose Hernandez. Both Ruiz and Hernandez provided sworn written statements and the following information:

The manager on duty, Eudany Ester Ruiz. Said she was made aware of an upset customer at the drive thru window who believed she was entitled to a free cookie due to the initial employee not asking her about a rewards program. When Ruiz got to the window she made contact with a yelling and irate black female that Ruiz later positively identified as Hendricks during a show up. Ruiz ended up giving Hendricks a free cookie but Hendricks continued to argue.

While yelling at staff Ruiz sees Hendricks grab what she described to be a black handgun which she believed to have a faded colored slide. Once Hendricks grabs the handgun Ruiz sees Hendricks insert a magazine into the hand gun and rack the slide. Ruiz heard a sound when Hendricks racks the slide that she described as being two clicking sounds associated with someone chambering a round

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into a gun. Ruiz said the sound was distinct and familiar due to her time around firearms.

Due to being in a verbal argument with Hendricks and her irate demeanor, Ruiz said she was in fear for her life when Hendricks in clear unobstructed view just a few feet away from her, takes out a firearm, inserts a magazine, and chambers a bullet. Ruiz immediately backs away from the drive thru window out of sight of Hendricks. Ruiz does not recall Hendricks making any threats directly to her while brandishing the firearm.

Erick Jose Hernandez was another employee present when the initial altercation began to take place with Hendricks and Ruiz. Hernandez saw a black female driving a blue Chevrolet bearing FL TAG AV99LQ, stopped in the drive thru window causing a verbal argument with Ruiz. Hernandez sees Hendrick holding a black handgun waving it around in the air but could not hear what she was saying. Hernandez, who was standing in the area of the drive thru window, sees Hendricks point the firearm towards the drive thru window where he is standing, and said he was able to see down the barrel of the firearms. Hernandez does not believe the firearm was pointed directly at anyone at this time, but in the area of where he was standing.

Hernandez described the firearm as being a smaller model black handgun with a pattern on it that he believed to possibly be pink or purple.

Once Hernandez sees Hendricks drive away from the drive thru window himself and other employees begin to lock all doors to the McDonalds due to be in fear for their lives, and seeing Hendricks park her vehicle in front of the store. While Hernandez was attempting to lock the front door located on the North side of the McDonalds he observed Hendricks park her vehicle, get out of the vehicle, and come up to the front door. Hendricks began to try to force the door open, ultimately getting it open due to Hernandez not being able to secure the door properly. Hendricks then grabs Hernandez by his left arm, forces him out of the business, and begins to strike him multiples times. Hernandez said he did not attempt to fight back with Hendricks, only to escape her grasp. Hernandez was ultimately able to free himself from Hendricks and return to the store. Hernandez suffered multiples scratches to his face and neck area. Pictures of Hernandez's injuries were taken on scene and uploaded to this report.

Hendricks was read her Miranda Warning to which she stated she understood and wished to speak with law enforcement. Hendricks said she got in an argument with staff over getting a free cookie since she was not asked about the rewards program. Hendricks said at no point did she brandish a firearm, nor did she make any threats with it. Hendricks said she does own a firearm, but that she keeps it holstered in her vehicle at all times, Hendricks was in possession of a valid CCW. Hendricks said she was attempting to enter the McDonalds when one of the staff members attempted to stop her, causing the two of them to get into a "tussle".

Officer Morrissey was the initial officer who came in contact with Hendricks. Officer Morrissey provided a supplement to this report and advised Hendricks was given loud verbal commands during his traffic stop to which Hendricks refused to comply with on several instances, to include refusing to exit her vehicle when initially told. Officer Morrissey conducted his traffic stop in his fully marked Altamonte Springs Police Motorcycle with his emergency lights activated.

On the driver's side floor board, a Taurus G3c with a camouflage grip and black slide was found loaded with a round in the chamber and a magazine inserted. The firearm was recovered and submitted to ASPD evidence.

Post Miranda, I asked Hendricks how she typically carries her firearm. Hendricks said she always keeps her firearm unloaded, without a magazine in the firearm. Hendricks said she does not know why the firearm was loaded with a magazine in it when we found it. Hendricks also told me that she did have her firearm on her during her physical encounter with Hernandez.

Video surveillance was reviewed from within the McDonalds which shows Hendricks in the drive thru of the McDonalds, holding a dark colored object similar to the shape of a firearm in her right hand, and inserting something into the apparent firearm with her left hand. Hendricks is then seen waving the expected firearm around in the vehicle. The video surveillance then froze but McDonalds staff advised they would be able to provide the full video surveillance at a later date.

Both Ruiz and Hernandez said they would like to press charges against Amari Bente Hendricks.

Based on the information provided by Ruiz and Hernandez, the visible injuries to Hernandez, and the video surveillance from the McDonalds, probable cause exists to charge Amari Bente Hendricks with violating two counts of Florida State Statues 784.021 – Aggravated Assault With Deadly Weapon Without Intent to Kill, when she intentionally and unlawfully threatened to do violence with a deadly weapon and was apparently able to do so, creating a well-founded fear in Ruiz and Hernandez.

Probable cause also exists to charges Amari Bente Hendricks with violating Florida State Statue 784.03 – Battery, when Hendricks forcefully pulled Hernandez out of the McDonalds and struck him multiple times.

Probable cause also exists to charge Amari Bente Hendricks with violating Florida State Statue 843.02 – Resist Officer Without Violence, when Hendricks refused to comply with Officer Morrissey lawful orders on several instances.

Probable cause also exists to charge Amari Bente Hendricks with violating Florida State Statue 790.10 – Improper Exhibit Firearm or Dangerous Weapon, when Hendricks in an angry and threatening manner, in the presence of Hernandez and Ruiz, exhibited a firearm not in necessary self-defense.

Hendricks was placed in department issued handcuffs which were checked for proper fit, and double locked. Hendricks was searched

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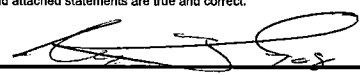

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and only had a phone on her that she requested to be left with her mother that arrived on scene. Hendricks was transported to the Seminole County Jail and turned over for processing without incident.

Statements made by defendant prior to, during, and after arrest as related to each charge:

See narrative.

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

Mitanda Warning <input type="checkbox"/>	HOLD FOR OTHER AGENCY Name:	Verified By:	Date	Bond: Charge #	Bond: Charge #
<input type="checkbox"/> ADULTS ONLY!! Hold for First Appearance DO NOT BOND	Reason:	Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, this <u>16th</u> day of <u>February</u> in the year <u>2023</u>	Bond Type: 1. R.O.R. 2. Cash	3. Surety 4. Bail/ Bond	5. Cert. 6. Other Type: Type:
I swear/affirm the above and reversed and attached statements are true and correct. Officer's/Complainant's Signature 		Name/Title of Person Authorized to Administer Oath. 	Returnable Court Date:	Returnable Court Date:	Release Date:
BARNES, AARON 708 Name(Printed) and Employee# BARNETT, AUSTIN 708			Release Time:	Releasing Officer:	

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