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## **Suspect Arrested for Attempted Murder**

(Crystal River) At 4:09 am this morning, deputies were dispatched to a home in Crystal River in reference to a well-being check. When they arrived, they found the victim, Erica Adrienne Calculli, 24, of Crystal River, in a bedroom unresponsive with head injuries. She was transported to a regional trauma center.

Detectives from the Major Crimes Unit responded to assist in the investigation as to what happened. A suspect, Marco Antonio Johnson, Jr., 24, of Crystal River was identified and personnel on scene quickly pieced together that Calculli and Johnson had a child together and that the child, one-years-old, was missing and presumed to be with Johnson.

A BOLO (be on the lookout) was issued for Johnson, along with a description of his vehicle, as detectives worked fervently to issue an Amber Alert for the little girl,. It was suspected that he was headed towards Tampa and the Tampa Police Department were able to locate him and child which were taken into custody without incident. .

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He is being charged with attempted felony murder while armed, interference with child custody while armed and grand theft while armed. He is currently in the Hillsborough County jail on our charges with no bond.

“This was an incredible display of our men and women working together with Tampa PD to potentially save the life of this little girl,” said Capt. Brian Spiddle of the Criminal Investigations Division. “The quick actions of our team members are to be commended.”

The child was taken into custody by DCF with hopes of reuniting her with family members. Calculli remains hospitalized. The incident is domestic in nature so the address of the victim cannot be released.

“To say I’m proud is an understatement,” said Sheriff Prendergast. “Our employees are a force to be reckoned with. Their experience, skills, abilities and actions in a time of crisis meld together to help those who cannot help themselves.”

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