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Suspect Arrested for Attempted Murder and Arson in attack on Senior

Seminole Co. – (August 18, 2017) Seminole County Sheriff's deputies arrested a Longwood man and charged him with attempted murder and arson in connection with domestic violence involving a 94-year-old victim. The investigation began Thursday afternoon when the victim called 911 to report she'd been battered.

Deputies responded to the victim's home where they found her lying in the living room. According to the victim, she and the suspect, Roman Dusk, 65, who resides in the home, got into a verbal argument earlier in the day. Dusk became enraged and beat the victim, throwing her to the ground and stomping on her chest. Dusk then set fire to a plant in the home which caused part of the wall to catch fire. Dusk eventually put the fire out, but left the home without rendering aid to the victim. She indicated it had taken her hours to crawl to the phone to call for help. The victim was transported to a local hospital with severe bruising, possible broken bones and a head injury.

While on scene, deputies spotted Dusk driving past the home. A traffic stopped was conducted and Dusk was taken in to custody without incident.

"I am extremely shocked and saddened by this brutal act of violence committed against one of our innocent and vulnerable seniors," said Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma. "We are committed to doing everything possible to ensure justice is served."

Based on evidence gathered at the scene and statements from the victim, Dusk was booked in to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and remains incarcerated on no bond. He is scheduled to attend first appearance today at 1:30 p.m.

Arrestee:

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