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Seminole Co. Fla., (April 18) – The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is investigating three domestic violence homicides that occurred last night. At approximately 10 p.m., Chericia Brown, age 31, was attacked and seriously injured by her estranged husband, Henry Ramone Brown, age 30, in the parking lot of Chili's in Lake Mary. Henry Brown waited in the trunk of Chericia Brown's vehicle for her to come out of the restaurant before stabbing her then returning a few minutes later in his vehicle and running her over with his car. Two good Samaritans attempting to render aid to Chericia Brown were also hit by Brown's car. Chericia Brown was transported to Central Florida Regional Hospital in Sanford where she succumbed to her injuries.

Henry Brown fled to an apartment complex in Altamonte Springs were he changed vehicles and picked up the couple's biological children, a 4-year-old boy and a 1-year-old girl, from a babysitter. At approximately 12:25 a.m., Brown arrived at Central Florida Regional Hospital in an attempt to locate Chericia. There, Seminole County Sheriff's deputies and Sanford police officers confronted him. Brown fired at the officers as he ran out of the hospital and they returned fire. No one was hit or injured during the exchange.

Brown fled again, driving on to I-4 where he was located by deputies within minutes. Deputies were able to successfully stop stick the vehicle and when it slowed to a stop they found both Henry Brown and his two children deceased inside. Investigators believe Brown killed his children at some point after picking them up, and then committed suicide in his vehicle as law enforcement prepared to apprehend him.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is investigating the officer involved shooting that occurred at the hospital. Of the two Samaritans who attempted to render assistance, one remains hospitalized and the other has been released.

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