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Armed Robbery Arrest



Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Detectives have arrested Douglas L. Keevis, W/M, DOB 12/25/64, last known address: 2312 Phillippi St., Sarasota, on two counts of Armed Robbery and one count of Aggravated Battery for an incident that occurred at 4150 Bee Ridge Rd., at approximately 1:45 a.m. today.

Douglas Keevis confronted Robert Fleck, W/M, DOB 5/8/81 and Elisabeth Smith, W/F, DOB 5/8/83 and demanded they give him their money. Fleck and Smith attempted to run away from Keevis. Keevis caught Fleck and began to batter him with one hand while holding a knife in the other. Smith attempted to assist Fleck when Keevis pushed her to the ground. Keevis demanded money from her and when he didn't get it he stabbed her in the chest with a knife. Smith was flown via helicopter to Bayfront Medical Center where she was treated for minor injuries and subsequently released.

Anyone with information relating to the incident is encouraged to call Criminal Investigations at 941-861-4900 or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers by calling 941-366-TIPS (8477), or online at www.sarasotacrimestoppers.com or via text message by texting TIP109 plus a message to CRIMES (274637).