



# NEWS

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## **STABBING AT JONESBOROUGH FLEA MARKET LEADS TO ATTEMPTED MURDER ARREST**

According to Chief Deputy Leighta Laitinen, On Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:30 A.M. deputies responded to the Jonesborough Flea Market, located at Hwy 11E and Telford Road, in reference to a stabbing. Upon arriving at the Flea Market, deputies located a 23 year old male victim that had been stabbed in the chest. The victim appeared to be in very serious condition as a result of the stabbing, and was transported to the Johnson City Medical Center.

Further investigation revealed that multiple witnesses observed an altercation between the victim and Christopher B. Spears, age 40, 502 Sugar Hollow Road, Jonesborough TN. Witnesses told deputies that Spears and the victim had been involved in multiple verbal arguments during the day, and finally a physical altercation resulted in Spears stabbing the victim in the chest with a knife.

Spears was located a short distance away and arrested. He has been charged with one count of attempted first degree murder and is currently being held at the Washington County Detention Center on a \$75,000 bond. Spears is scheduled to appear in court later today. The victim is still being treated at a local hospital and is said to be in critical condition.



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**Christopher Spears**



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