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July 14, 2011 (Center Hill, Florida)

Center Hill Man Arrested For Assault with Firearm

Sumter sheriff's deputies arrested Aaron C. Bass, 32, of Center Hill on charges of Aggravated Assault with a Firearm. The arrest is a result of a property line dispute that occurred on July 14, 2011.

Deputies responded to SE 55th Way in Center Hill after receiving reports of an armed subject pointing a firearm at two men clearing land on Central Beef property. Bass confronted the men believing they were clearing his land and not the land of Central Beef. The men reported Bass approached them while armed with a pistol. He pointed the pistol at them and threatened to shoot them if they did not stop clearing his land. Fearful of violence, the land clearing crew retreated and called 911. The pistol turned out to be a 9mm Ruger handgun later recovered by deputies.



The victims advised that Central Beef had recently purchased the property and they were clearing the land within the boundary based on a survey conducted on the property at the time of purchase, which Bass disputes. Bass was arrested and taken to the Sumter County Detention Center; his bond was set at \$7,000.00 dollars. No injuries were reported.

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