

# Lake County Sheriff's Office

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **McHenry Man Arrested After Home Invasion, Battering a 20-year-old and 13-year-old in Unincorporated Antioch**

On July 10, 2020, at approximately 10:30AM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the 25400 block of West Route 173, Unincorporated Antioch, for an aggravated domestic battery in progress.

The offender, Russell D. Brengman, 52, of the 4900 block of Pioneer Road, McHenry, fled prior to the arrival of sheriff's deputies. Sheriff's deputies spoke to the victims, a 20-year-old male, and a 13-year-old female, both of whom reside at the residence. The victims reported Brengman, who is a relative, but does not live at their residence, forced his way into their home armed with a rifle and a machete. He pointed the rifle at both victims and accused the 20-year-old of stealing a cellular telephone from him. Brengman then struck the 20-year-old victim several times with the blunt end of the machete and also struck him with the barrel of the rifle several times. He then struck the 13-year-old victim with the rifle.

The 20-year-old man was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The 13-year-old victim did not require hospitalization.

Sheriff's deputies located Brengman at a construction worksite in the 26200 block of West Channel Avenue, Unincorporated Antioch. He was taken into custody without incident. Both the rifle and machete were located and collected as evidence.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances the Lake County State's Attorney's Office approved the following charges:

- Two counts of home invasion (class x felonies)
- Two counts of aggravated domestic battery (class 3 felonies)
- Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon (class 4 felony)
- Possession of a firearm without a FOID card (class 4 felony)

Brengman remains held in the Lake County Jail pending an initial court hearing tomorrow morning.

All defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

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