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PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – **Stabbing at Love's Truck Stop in Baxter**

Date: Friday, October 3, 2014 at 4:36 p.m.

Location: Love's Truck Stop, Baxter, TN

Incident:

Clifton Terrell Brown, 34, of 1000 Kinnard Road in Sparta, Tennessee was charged with aggravated assault following a stabbing incident at Love's Truckstop in Baxter, Tennessee on Friday afternoon around 4:36 PM. Brown stabbed his 28-year-old wife, Jessica Leann Brown in the leg during an argument while they were sitting in a car in the parking lot of Love's Truckstop. Brown's children were also in the car during the stabbing incident. A customer witnessed the stabbing and intervened by calling 911 and rendering first aid to the victim. The victim and the children managed to get out of the car after the stabbing incident. Brown fled the scene in the car. He was quickly apprehended due to the rapid response by Putnam County Sheriff's Department and the Baxter Police Department. Deputy Ron Harris of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department spotted the car as it was attempting to enter the westbound entrance ramp of Interstate 40. Deputy Harris stopped the car with the assistance of Lt. Brandon Herren of the Baxter Police Department. Brown was taken into custody without incident.

The victim was transported by ambulance to Cookeville Regional Medical Center in serious but stable condition. Brown is currently being held in the Putnam County Jail on a \$50,000 bond. He is also on parole for a drug violation. Detective Sgt. Roger Cooper of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department is in charge of the investigation. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Sgt. Cooper at the Putnam County Sheriff's Department or the Criminal Investigation Division of the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

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