Arrest of Woman for Attempted Murder

This afternoon, August 2, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., the St. Petersburg Police Department received a tip that Misty Childs, who was wanted for Attempted First Degree Murder for throwing boiling hot soup on her boyfriend after a verbal argument, was at 2001 1/2 Queensboro Avenue South in St. Petersburg. Detectives and patrol officers went to the home and located and arrested Childs. Childs is currently at the St. Petersburg Police Department being interviewed by Major Crimes Unit detectives. She will then be taken to the Pinellas County Jail and booked on an Attempted First Degree Murder charge.

Childs’ boyfriend remains in a local hospital still in critical condition.

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Woman Wanted for Attempted Murder

The St. Petersburg Police Department is asking for the public’s assistance in attempting to locate a woman wanted for Attempted First Degree Murder.

On Sunday, July 31, 2016, just after midnight, at 1123 13th Avenue South, Misty Childs, b/f, 8/14/1974, and her boyfriend, Lavont Moss, b/m, 5/17/1970, became involved in a verbal argument. After the argument, Moss went to bed. Childs, who had been preparing a boiling pot of soup, took the hot liquid and poured it
onto Moss’ face and upper torso as he was lying in bed. Childs then left the area.

Moss was taken to a local hospital with severe burns and was listed in critical condition.

Childs is described as being 5-04 in height and weighing 185 pounds.

Anyone with information on the location of Childs is asked to contact the St. Petersburg Police Department at 727-893-7780.

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