



# CITY OF CLEARWATER

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## SEXUAL OFFENDER ARRESTED FOR KIDNAPPING AND RAPE

**WHO:** Jackie Bridges (Arrested)  
DOB: 2-14-61  
Clearwater, Fla.  
**CHARGES:** Sexual Battery w/Deadly Weapon  
Aggravated Battery w/Deadly Weapon  
Kidnapping  
Failure to Register as a Sexual Offender

**WHAT:** Sexual Battery/Kidnapping/Failure to Register

**WHEN:** January 8, 2009 @ 1:56 p.m.  
January 11, 2009 @ 2:51 p.m.

**WHERE:** The crimes occurred at a private residence in Clearwater, Florida.

**WHY:** On January 8<sup>th</sup>, Clearwater Police responded to a battery at a private residence. The victim (41-year-old female) called to report that the suspect cut her with a knife causing several lacerations on her arm. The suspect also punched the victim in her back several times. Her injuries were not serious.

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, the victim was leaving her residence, when the suspect jumped in her vehicle. The suspect held her at knifepoint, made her drive from Clearwater to St. Petersburg, near the Skyway Bridge, where he demanded she pull into a parking lot and park. The suspect held the knife to the victim and forced her to perform oral sex. He then demanded the victim drive him back to Clearwater, where she dropped him off at a gas station.

The victim and the suspect are known to one another and the victim states there has been a history of abuse, but did not report it for fear of the suspect. No further information will be released to protect the identity of the victim.

