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NEWS RELEASE

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Chatham County Police Department Officers Arrest Man Accused of Throwing Machete at Dog Walker

Chatham County, GA (September 9, 2026) – Chatham County Police Department Patrol Officers arrested a man accused of throwing a machete at a person walking their dog last night.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, Chatham County Police Department Patrol Officers were called to the 400 block of Bonaventure Road where the victim stated he had been walking his dog on a commercial property access route. The victim stated that a man nearby threatened to kill him and his dog before throwing a beer can and a machete at them. The machete landed in the roadway, and no one was injured. The machete was recovered and taken into evidence by our officers at the scene.

Chatham County Police Department Patrol Officers arrested 66-year-old James Robert Carpenter and charged him with felony aggravated assault and felony terroristic threats and acts.

Carpenter was booked into the Chatham County Detention Center.

The Chatham County Police Department is the lead investigative agency in this case, and any information from another source may not be accurate at this time.

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