

## **No arrests made in Brashear stabbing —Investigation: self-defense is apparent motive**

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A Brashear man was air lifted to an area trauma center after being stabbed by a woman he reportedly was assaulting early Wednesday morning. The man late Wednesday morning was in what officials called “serious condition” but not thought to have life-threatening injuries.

Hopkins County dispatchers at 1:43 a.m. Wednesday received a call reporting a family disturbance in Brashear. A woman was reported to have stabbed her boyfriend in the rib cage at the FM 2653 north location where they had been staying.

They found a woman with abrasions and a man with an arm and abdominal injury, reportedly from the stabbing.

Hopkins County Sheriff’s Chief Investigator Lewis Tatum at noon Wednesday said the investigation led officers to believe the man was choking the woman, and she stabbed him to get away.

“The female subject was being choked by the male subject. The female was able to get hold of a knife and cut his arm. He continued to choke her, so she struck him again with the knife, hitting him in the abdomen,” Tatum said.

Officers made contact with the woman and took her to the sheriff’s office for further investigation. She had abrasions that support reports she was choked. The woman was released from custody, with no charges filed at this time for the stabbing.

Investigators said they’ll complete their investigation and turn all of the information over to the district attorney’s office to determine what, if any, charges will be filed, Tatum noted.