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MAN CHARGED WITH INTERFERENCE WITH CUSTODY



Juan Garcia-Dircio

A Destin man is charged with interference with child custody after deputies with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office found a missing three-year old boy inside the man's home. 32-year old Juan Garcia-Dircio of 207 Ann Circle, Apartment 3 in Destin was arrested Wednesday afternoon.

Shannon Clifford called the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office around 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 20th, after waking up from taking a nap with her son and finding him missing from the living room couch. Deputies canvassing the area around her home made contact with a man who said he saw the missing child inside a residence at 207 Ann Circle. Deputies went to that address and located the boy with Garcia-Dircio at around 12:52 p.m.

Clifford says her child never left the residence by himself, she does not know the defendant, and no one was authorized to take him. Garcia-Dircio first indicated to deputies he entered Clifford's residence at 215 Ann Circle, then said he found the child in the street and the two walked to his residence.

The defendant had a false social security card and false Mexico passport in his possession. Additional charges are pending.

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