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OCSO ARRESTS MAN IN THREE DESTIN CRIMES



Eddie Jimenez-Martinez

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has solved three violent crimes with the arrest of a Destin man. One of those crimes involves an aggravated battery and burglary at a Destin home on Spring Lake Drive earlier this month.

The accused is 21-year old Eddie Jimenez-Martinez, specific address in Destin unknown.

The victim in the Spring Lake Drive incident reported a Hispanic male knocked on her door around four a.m. January 8th looking for someone named "Mannie". She told him no one by that name lived there but a few minutes later when she heard scratching at the door and opened it, the same subject was still there. He forced his way in and struck the woman with an unknown black object. He fled after the struggle.

Deputies first encountered Jimenez-Martinez however when he was taken into custody by the Sheriff's Office January 17th in connection with another crime, an armed robbery at the Fill-Ups Food Store, 201 Harbor Boulevard in Destin. He had been detained by deputies in the location after a witness spotted him in the area of Legion Drive. Jimenez-Martinez had a black handgun lodged in the rear waistband of his jean shorts, a knife, and approximately \$190 cash on him. The gun turned out to be a BB pistol.

Since that arrest, investigators have been able to determine that Jimenez-Martinez was also responsible for the Spring Lake Drive burglary and

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battery as well as an armed robbery at the Destin Am Vets Lounge, 106 Benning Drive in Destin, January 17th. In that case, Jimenez-Martinez brandished a firearm and demanded money. He then pulled a knife and got five dollars from a patron before leaving the scene.

Warrants in both the Spring Lake and Am Vets cases were served on Jimenez-Martinez on Thursday, January 21st at the Okaloosa County Jail in Crestview.

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