

Sheriff



Edward Spooner • Sheriff Okaloosa County



Contact: Michele Nicholson
Public Information Officer
Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
850-651-7420
October 27, 2009

TWO ARRESTED IN K-MART BURGLARY

Deputies from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office arrested two men Tuesday morning in connection with a break-in at the K-mart on Irwin Avenue in Fort Walton Beach.

When officers went to the business shortly before 1 a.m. in response to a motion alarm, they spotted a man coming out from the building. He then ran back inside so a K-9 unit was called to the scene. The man, identified as 40-year old Jeff Distefano of Crestview, then left through another door, ignoring commands to stop. He was captured a short time later by the K-9 officer and his dog "Dax", which bit Distefano on the leg. He was not seriously injured.

Distefano told deputies another man, 37-year old Orville Lee Maddan Jr., was waiting around the corner in a getaway truck. Maddan was taken into custody without incident.

K-mart staffers found eight H-D televisions and a crowbar placed just inside the door that Destefano had been exiting when deputies arrived. The tv's were valued at more than \$4600.00

DiStefano is charged with burglary, possession of burglary tools, larceny and resisting an officer without violence. Maddan is charged with principal to burglary.

###