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BURGLARY SUSPECT NABBED IN BAKER

Quick reactions by Okaloosa Sheriff's deputies led early this morning (Thursday) to the arrest of a Holt man for a break-in at the Health Smart Pharmacy on State Road 189 in Baker.

20-year old Thomas Joseph Matthews of 4541 Belgium Run is charged with one count of armed burglary.

A deputy responding to a call of loud banging noises coming from the pharmacy noticed a white truck leaving the scene. He checked the status of the building while back-up officers conducted a traffic stop on the truck. There was a fresh foot print on an outside door and siding had been removed near a window which housed an air conditioning unit.

Matthews, the driver of the white truck, was found to be wearing full camouflage gear and had a pry tool in his possession. He was arrested following an interview with OCSO Investigator Mike Irwin.

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