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TWO ARRESTED ON WEAPONS CHARGES

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has arrested two brothers in connection with a shooting incident at Marler Park on Okaloosa Island May 30th, 2010.

28-year-old Jessie Lamar Simmons of 1512 W. Mariah Way in Fort Walton Beach is charged with improper exhibition of a firearm. 26-year-old Marcus Simmons of 110 Carson Drive, Fort Walton Beach, is charged with improper exhibition of a firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Deputies were called to Marler Park around 8 p.m. May 30th in response to calls of a disturbance and shooting. A 19-year old Fort Walton Beach woman who was a bystander had been struck once in the hip by a stray bullet. Her injury was not life-threatening.

An investigation and sworn statements from witnesses revealed that Marcus Simmons had gotten into an argument at Marler Park with another individual. After the argument turned physical, Marcus Simmons removed a handgun from his pocket and dropped it on the ground. Jessie Simmons then picked it up and gave it back to Marcus who began chasing the other subject through the crowded park, firing the weapon approximately ten times. Jessie Simmons also had a handgun and ran after his brother and the other individual. Deputies were unable to determine who fired the shot that struck the bystander. Doctors did not remove the bullet for medical reasons.

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Jessie Simmons



Marcus Simmons

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