



November 20, 2010

## **MARY ESTHER MAN CHARGED IN BANK ROBBERY**

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has charged a Mary Esther man in connection with a bank robbery Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> in Florosa.

Tellers at First City Bank, 2090 Highway 98, say a white male wearing a black ski mask and blue jeans held up the bank at gunpoint around 3:45 p.m. and fled in a white two-door Buick. An Okaloosa County deputy spotted a car matching that description eastbound on Highway 98 and attempted a traffic stop. The driver fled but then lost a tire in a marshy area on south Highway 98 east of the Hurlburt Field Gate. He ran from the car and deputies captured him a short time later on a small island in Santa Rosa Sound.

The defendant is identified as Bryan Douglas Rennels, DOB 6-2-1982, of 1650 Highway 98 in Mary Esther. When apprehended Rennels had in his possession a black ski mask and a large amount of money. He told investigators he used a knife, not a gun, in the bank robbery.

He is charged with armed robbery, resisting arrest by fleeing/eluding, and being a habitual traffic offender.

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