

# Sheriff



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## FUGITIVE TASK FORCE TRACKS DOWN ATTEMPTED MURDER SUSPECT

A Crestview man wanted by the Crestview Police Department for attempted murder was taken into custody March 31<sup>st</sup> by members of the US Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force from the Okaloosa and Walton County Sheriff's Office along with the State Attorney's Office.

On 02/10/2011, James Daniel WATFORD and another suspect were involved in a shooting incident in north Okaloosa County. In that case, WATFORD and another suspect were chasing the victim, James Wesley Williams, down the roadway in vehicles and firing shots at him. While the incident was in progress, they passed an Okaloosa County Patrol Deputy, who heard the gunshots. WATFORD and the other suspect were both arrested and the victim was not injured.

WATFORD has since been released from jail on bond

On 03/20/2011 WATFORD was driving a motorcycle in the city of Crestview. WATFORD spotted the victim riding a bicycle and accelerated at a high rate of speed directly toward the victim, running him over in an attempt to severely injure or kill the victim. The victim sustained minor injuries. WATFORD then fled the scene and has been avoiding apprehension.

Crestview Police Department got a warrant signed on WATFORD, charging him with Attempted Murder, Tampering With a Witness, and Leaving the Scene of an Accident With Injuries.

On 03/31/2011 at approximately 8:45 p.m. Fugitive Task Force members of the US Marshals Service Florida Region Fugitive Task Force Officers with the Okaloosa and Walton County Sheriff's Office and the State Attorney's Office approached WATFORD's residence, 3517 Auburn Road in the unincorporated Crestview area of northern Okaloosa County, Florida. Upon knocking on the front door several times, WATFORD exited a door on the side of the residence. WATFORD was immediately met by TFO's and taken into custody without incident.

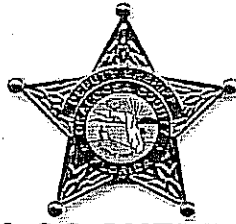
WATFORD was taken to the Okaloosa County Jail in Crestview where he remains under no bond.

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**OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
SHERIFF L. R. ASHLEY

**Warrant Served** **Service Return** **OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**[ SUSPECT ]**

**Name:** Watford, James Daniel JR **Race:** W **Sex:** M **Height:** 6'05 **Weight:** 260 **Hair:** BRO **Eyes:** BRO **DOB:** 02/22/1969  
**MNI #:** OCSO00MNI020901 **SSN:** **ID #:** W316444690620 **State:** FL **Type:**  
**Address:** 3517 AUBURN RD CRESTVIEW FL 32539 **OCA/Agency ID:** 2110792  
**Birth Location:** **City:** **County:** **State:** **Nation:** **Citizenship:**

**Occupations**

**Business:** **Title:** **Phone:** **Entered:**  
**Address:**

**Aliases**

**Street Names**

Arrest No	Jail Booking No	Offense No	Other No	OBTS	Court Case No
OCSO11ARR002984					1199WA

**[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]**

**Occurred Date Range:** 03/29/2011 to **Lat/Long:**  
**Address:** **GEO:** - - -

**[ CHARGES ]**

Charge #	Charge	Charge Desc	Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCRC	NCIC	AON	Bond Amt
316.027.1a	HIT AND RUN	FAIL TO STOP REMAIN ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	1	Felony	Third		9000		5401	
782.051.1	CRIMES AGAINST PERSON	SPECIF FELONY COMMIT ACT COULD CAUSE DEATH	1	Felony	First		9000		7099	
914.22.2	OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	HARASS WITNESS VICTIM OR INFORMANT	1	Misdem.	First		9000		5006	

**Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking:** \$ 0.00 ( )None ( )ROR ( )Cash ( )PRO

**Bond Set by Judge:** \$ 0.00 (X)None ( )Cash ( )ROR/Sign ( )PTR ( )Any ( )Pro ( )PtrIQ ( )Purge NONE ( )SC NONE

**Return Court:** CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY **Date:** 05/03/2011 **Time:** 01:30 **Instructions:** CRESTVIEW COURTHOUSE COURTROOM "A"

Reporting Officer	Unit	Orig Off Jur	Forward to for Approval
		CPD	

**WEAPONS ]**

**ARREST INFORMATION ]**

**Arrested** 03/31/2011 20:45 **Residency** Within Jurisdiction **Injury** None **Extent of Injury** **Resist** No **Alcohol** No **Drugs** No  
**Arrested Prior** Yes **Arrest Jurisdiction** Within Jurisdiction **Location:** 3517 AUBURN RD CRESTVIEW FL 32539 **Lat/Long:** 30.819661 / -86.503102  
**Arresting Officer** 066 Watkins, J Todd **Unit** OCSO/INV/CRIMINV **Officer Type** **Geo** 1- 2-PG17-R-13  
**Physical Evidence:** NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED

Warrant Served

Service Return

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

*T. Walters*  
Signature (Arresting Officer)

WATKINS, J TODD  
Name

066  
ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 31th day of March A.D., 2011 by \_\_\_\_\_  
who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ CO

Commission No: \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

# CRESTVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT ARREST REPORT

CASE NUMBER **11-675 OF**

AGENCY ORI NUMBER  
FL 4 6 0 1 0 0

ADULT  JUVENILE

FULL NAME (Last, First Middle) Watford, James Daniel		DRIVER'S LICENSE NO. & STATE W316444690620/FL		SEX M	RACE W	DATE OF BIRTH 0 2 2 2 1 9 6 9 4 2		AGE 2
AKA, NICKNAME, MAIDEN Watford, Daniel; Watford, Dan		POC. SEC. NO. [REDACTED]		HEIGHT 6-05	WEIGHT 260	COLOR OF EYES Bro	COLOR OF HAIR Bro	
ADDRESS (STREET, APT, NUMBER) 3517 Auburn Rd., Crestview, FL 32539				STATE OF BIRTH FL		CITIZENSHIP U.S.		
PERMANENT ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE) 3517 Auburn Rd., Crestview, FL 32539				PHONE 850-758-7432		OCCUPATION Self-Employed		
SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, UNIQUE PHYSICAL FEATURES (LOCATION, TYPE, DESCRIPTION) N/A				PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT Self-Employed				

NAME OF PARENTS / GUARDIAN IF APPLICABLE N/A		ADDRESS N/A		PHONE NUMBER N/A	
NOTIFIED BY (NAME) N/A		DATE N/A	TIME (MIL) N/A	JUVENILE DISPOSITION 1. Handled / Processed within Dept. and Released 2. Turned over to DJJ 3. Incarcerated (County Jail)	
RELEASED TO N/A	RELATIONSHIP N/A	DATE N/A	TIME (MIL) N/A	Signature of Defendant / Juvenile & Parent or Guardian	

COURT INFORMATION	COURT DATE	COURT TIME	COURT LOCATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FELONY <input type="checkbox"/> FELONY TRAFFIC <input type="checkbox"/> MISDEMEANOR <input type="checkbox"/> MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC			
CHARGES: <input type="checkbox"/> PC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CAPIAS <input type="checkbox"/> AC <input type="checkbox"/> BW <input type="checkbox"/> PW <input type="checkbox"/> JUV P/U <input type="checkbox"/> MFS <input type="checkbox"/> IORD	STATUTE NO.	SUB-SECTION	CTS
Attempted Murder	7 8 2 0 5 1	(1)	0 1
BOND AMOUNT CHARGE 1	BOND TYPE CHARGE 1		
\$ No Bond	<input type="checkbox"/> ROR <input type="checkbox"/> SURETY <input type="checkbox"/> BOND <input type="checkbox"/> CERT <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		
CHARGES: <input type="checkbox"/> PC <input type="checkbox"/> CAPIAS <input type="checkbox"/> AC <input type="checkbox"/> BW <input type="checkbox"/> PW <input type="checkbox"/> JUV P/U <input type="checkbox"/> MFS <input type="checkbox"/> IORD	STATUTE NO.	SUB-SECTION	CTS
Tampering with Witness or Victim	9 1 4 2 2	(2)	0 1
BOND AMOUNT CHARGE 2	BOND TYPE CHARGE 2		
\$	<input type="checkbox"/> ROR <input type="checkbox"/> SURETY <input type="checkbox"/> BOND <input type="checkbox"/> CERT <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		
CHARGES: <input type="checkbox"/> PC <input type="checkbox"/> CAPIAS <input type="checkbox"/> AC <input type="checkbox"/> BW <input type="checkbox"/> PW <input type="checkbox"/> JUV P/U <input type="checkbox"/> MFS <input type="checkbox"/> IORD	STATUTE NO.	SUB-SECTION	CTS
Leaving Scene of Accident w/ Injury	3 1 6 0 2 7	(1)(a)	0 1
BOND AMOUNT CHARGE 3	BOND TYPE CHARGE 3		
\$	<input type="checkbox"/> ROR <input type="checkbox"/> SURETY <input type="checkbox"/> BOND <input type="checkbox"/> CERT <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		
CHARGES: <input type="checkbox"/> PC <input type="checkbox"/> CAPIAS <input type="checkbox"/> AC <input type="checkbox"/> BW <input type="checkbox"/> PW <input type="checkbox"/> JUV P/U <input type="checkbox"/> MFS <input type="checkbox"/> IORD	STATUTE NO.	SUB-SECTION	CTS
BOND AMOUNT CHARGE 4	BOND TYPE CHARGE 4		
\$	<input type="checkbox"/> ROR <input type="checkbox"/> SURETY <input type="checkbox"/> BOND <input type="checkbox"/> CERT <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		

HOLD FOR FIRST APPEARANCE DO NOT BOND OUT REASON	<input type="checkbox"/> HOLD FOR OTHER AGENCY	AGENCY	VERIFICATION	RELEASE DATE	RELEASE TIME	RELEASING OFFICER
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PLACE OF ARREST	ZONE	DATE	TIME (MIL)	LOCATION OF INCIDENT	ZONE
				436 W James Lee Blvd., Crestview, FL	1

WEAPON SIZE / TYPE	02. Rifle	05. Knife/Cutting Instrument	06. Explosive	DRUG ACTIVITY	
00. Not Applicable	03. Shotgun	08. Blank Object	09. Fire/ incendiary	N-Not Applicable	D-Other
01. Handgun	04. Other Firearm	07. PoA/00	10. Stun/less Weapon	B-Buyer	E-Use

RESIDENCE TYPE	INFLUENCE DRUG	INFLUENCE ALCOHOL	NUMBER CLEARED
1. City 2. County 3. Outside State	1. Yes 2. No 3. Unknown	1. Yes 2. No 3. Unknown	
2	2	2	

COMPLAINANT Williams, James Wesley	ADDRESS 205 Barr Pl., Crestview, FL 32536	PHONE N/A
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PROBABLE CAUSE (Be specific) The undersigned (s) (I/we) and swear that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that (he/she named defendant) committed (the above named offense) (at the above location). (Include Name of Business)

**ORIGINAL**  
MAR 29 2011

SEE ADDENDUM OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Crawford County Sheriff's Office  
Shalimar, Florida

I swear that the above statement is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Officer's / Complainant Signature  
*[Signature]*

Offc. B.C. Muhlbach #22  
Officer / Complainant ID No.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority this

DATE March 20 20 11  
Name/Title of Person Authorized to Administer Oath:  
*[Signature]* #115  
Full Time Law Enforcement Officer ID No.

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The Court reviewed this advisory and finds that there  is  is no probable cause to hold and bind over the defendant for trial.

Judge's Name  
Jim Ward  
Judge's Signature [Signature] 3/24/11  
Date

OBTS NO.	OCA NUMBER	ENTERED	NCIC	FCIC
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**RETURN**

This Warrant was received by this department at  
Okaloosa County, Florida,  
on the 29 day of MAY A.D., 2011  
and executed in Okaloosa County,  
Florida, on the 31 day of MAY  
A.D., 2011 by arresting the within named:

Watford, James Daniel

TODD WATKINS OCSO

Arresting Officer / Department

03/31/2011 2045

Date and time of service

3517 AUBURN RD

CRESTVIEW, FL 32539

Place of service

**REMARKS**

CASE NO. 11-99-WA

IN CIRCUIT COURT

OKALOOSA COUNTY

STATE OF FLORIDA

**WARRANT**

ORDER TO TAKE INTO CUSTODY

STATE OF FLORIDA

VS.

Watford, James Daniel

In the name of the State of Florida, to the Law  
Enforcement Officers of said County

WHEREAS: Ofc. B.C. Muhlbach #22

has made oath on the 20 day

of MAR A.D., 2011 in the County

aforesaid one \_\_\_\_\_

did unlawfully violate F.S.S: 782.051 (1)

914.22 (2), 316.027 (1a)

Contrary to the law and such case and provided,  
and against the peace and dignity of the State of  
Florida. This Warrant is a command to arrest  
instanter the above named:

Watford, James Daniel

and bring said person before the court to be  
dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 24 day

of March A.D., 2011

[Signature] (Seal)  
Judge / Deputy Clerk

**CRESTVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT**

CASE NUMBER: 11-99-WA

DEFENDANT: WATFORD, JAMES DANIEL

**ADDENDUM OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

On March 20, 2011, the victim, James Wesley Williams, was riding a bicycle eastbound through the parking lot of the Whitehurst-Powell Funeral Home located within the city limits of Crestview. The defendant, James Daniel Watford, operated a motorcycle southbound through the parking lot of the funeral home and did strike the victim with the motorcycle, an act believed to be willful and intentional. This resulted in the victim being ejected from the bicycle and sustaining an injury to his left elbow. The defendant immediately fled the scene, traveling across a curb and sidewalk and proceeding eastbound on W. James Lee Blvd. An investigation revealed that the incident stemmed from a previous incident which occurred on or about February 10, 2011 outside the city limits of Crestview, during which time the defendant allegedly fired shots at the victim. The defendant was arrested in February 2011, subsequent to this incident, the charges of which are currently pending in the Okaloosa County Circuit Court. The victim stated that prior to the incident on this date, the defendant threatened him and stated he was going to kill him before the previous case goes to trial.

The incident which occurred on this date was observed by two independent witnesses who provided sworn statements. Additionally, the victim positively identified the defendant as being the operator of the motorcycle. Sworn statements were provided by the victim and witnesses and there was evidence of a traffic crash occurring consistent with these statements which did result in injury to the victim. Additionally, there is evidence indicating that the defendant does in fact own or have access to a motorcycle matching the description of the motorcycle used in this incident.

This officer made telephone contact with an individual believed to be the defendant, at which time the defendant informed this officer that he was heading for Mississippi and stated, "I don't know what this is about and I'm not going back to jail."

Based on the above facts, I have reason to believe and do believe the named defendant did commit the criminal act of Attempted Murder, in violation of Florida State Statute F.S.S. 782.051(1), by committing an intentional act, to-wit: intentionally striking the victim with a motor vehicle, an intentional act which could have caused the death of the victim after making verbal threats toward the victim that he intended to kill the victim stemming from a previous shooting incident in which the defendant fired shots toward the victim.

I further have reason to believe and do believe the defendant did commit the criminal act of Tampering with a Witness or Victim, in violation of Florida State Statute 914.22(2), by committing an intentional act involving physical force against the victim with the intent of tampering with the victim. I have reason to believe the victim in this incident is also the victim in a criminal case identified as State of Florida vs. James Daniel Watford, which is currently pending in the Okaloosa County Circuit Court, reference case number 2011 CF 000301 C.

I further have reason to believe and do believe the defendant did commit the criminal act of Leaving the Scene of an Accident Involving Injury, in violation of Florida State Statute 316.027(1)(a), by being the operator of a motor vehicle involved in an injury to another person and failing to immediately stop at the scene of the crash or notify law enforcement of the crash.

This incident did occur within the city limits of Crestview, Okaloosa County, Florida.