

# Sheriff



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December 8, 2011

## **FORMER TEACHER CHARGED WITH HAVING SEX WITH TEEN**



Amanda Leigh Cooney

A former teacher has been charged today with unlawful sexual acts with a minor and interfering with the custody of a minor.

25-year old Amanda Leigh Cooney was served the warrants today, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Okaloosa County jail where she is being held on other charges.

Investigator Ralph Garrett says Cooney became involved with a former student during the 2010-2011 school year and began having sexual relations with him in June or July of 2011 at her home on Majestic Drive.

The 16-year old victim ran away from home and moved in with Cooney in October 2011. Garrett says Cooney knew the victim's age but discussed having children with him.

Around the first of November, Cooney and the victim left Okaloosa County and traveled through several states, ending up in Ohio where she and the victim were found in a motel room.

Cooney has also been charged by the Crestview Police Department with car burglary, petty theft, forgery, and fraudulent use of a credit card.

(Arrest report is attached.)

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REPORT NO: OCSO11ARR012188

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO11OFF011679	Other No OCSO11CAD162253	OBTS
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[ SUSPECT ]

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Hgt</u>	<u>Wgt</u>
COONEY	AMANDA	LEIGH		W	F	7/10/1986	25		0
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>MNI Number</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>ID. No.</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u>		
		OCSO03MNI020848		C500012867500	FL	E			

Birth Location: City: County: State: Nation: Citizenship:  
Address

734 MAJESTIC DRIVE CRESTVIEW FL 32536

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: , Entered: 11/17/2011

Business: OKALOOSA ACADEMY, Job Title: TEACHER, Entered: 11/9/2009  
Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

\* none found in MNI \*

Street Names

\* none found in MNI \*

[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]

Occurred Date Range:	11/2/2011	11:44	to	11/2/2011	11:44	Lat / Long	30.77554 / -86.6324
No.	Di	Street	Apt/Lot	City	ST	Zip	(GEO)
734		MAJESTIC DRIVE		CRESTVIEW	FL	32536	1 - 1 - -

[ CHARGES ]

787.03.

KIDNAP MINOR

INTERFERE WITH CUSTODY

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
1	Felony	Third	Facilitate	1000		1005	

794.05.

SEX ASSLT

UNLAWFUL SEXUAL ACT WITH CERTAIN MINORS

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
1	Felony	Second	Facilitate	3600		1199	

[ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

Based on a Florida Intake Report, sworn statements from other law enforcement officers, and sworn statements from witnesses stating to wit:

The victim, [REDACTED] 16 years of age, became acquainted with the defendant, Amanda Cooney 25 years of age, during the school year 2010-2011 when Cooney [REDACTED] Beach, FL, Okaloosa County. On or about June of 2011 the relationship between the victim and Cooney became more personal and he began visiting with Cooney at her residence in Crestview, FL, Okaloosa County, which was located at 734 Majestic Drive.

During the month of June or July of 2011 Cooney started having sexual intercourse with the victim when he would visit her residence.

On or about the first week of October 2011, the victim ran away from home and moved in with Cooney. During this time period Cooney continued having sexual intercourse with the victim and sex was occurring, at one point up to three times a day. During the time the victim was living with Cooney they held several get together/parties at her residence. On at least

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one occasion Cooney had a competition with another female by having sex with their boyfriends at the same time in two different rooms, and were trying to see who could make the most noise during sex. Cooney knew how old the victim was during this time and talked about him being too young to have sex, but then didn't think his age was a problem. The victim and Cooney began talking about having children together and Cooney also started writing notes on pieces of paper using [REDACTED] as her last name and also making names up of children that she and the victim were going to have together.

The victim's mother [REDACTED] discovered the relationship between the victim and Cooney and told him she didn't agree with it and also told him to come home, but he refused.

Cooney and the victim became worried about circumstances in the Okaloosa County area and made plans to leave Florida and start all over somewhere else. On or about the first week of November 2011 Cooney withdrew monies from her bank, placed several items of food in her vehicle, and she and the victim left Okaloosa County. They traveled North through several different states and wound up in Ohio. The victim's mother advised during an interview that she never agreed to the relationship and further never gave any permission for Cooney to take the victim anywhere, including outside the state of Florida.

I have reason to believe and do believe that Amanda Cooney violated Florida Statutes 794.05; Unlawful Sexual Activity with Certain Minors, and 787.03(1); Interference with Custody in Okaloosa County, Florida.

RDG

Signature (Arresting Officer) \_\_\_\_\_ PEACOCK, DERAL ANDREAS 107  
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 8 day of December 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Name ( Please Print ) \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ ARREST INFORMATION ]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist			
12/8/2011	14:43 Within jurisdiction	None	N/A	No			
	Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol	Drugs			
	Unknown	Within jurisdiction	No	No			
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City	ST	Zip	Lat / Long
296		BRACKIN STREET		CRESTVIEW	FL	32539	
Arresting Officer	Unit	(GEO)	- 5 - -	Officer Type			
107 PEACOCK, DERAL ANDREAS	OCSO/FSV/NORTH/FRONTDESK						
Reporting Officer	Unit			Original Offense Jurisdiction			
064 GARRETT, RALPH D	OCSO/FSV/INV/CID			OCSO			

Forward to for approval  
OCSO/FSV/INV/CID

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- None
- ROR
- Cash
- Pro

Bond Set by Judge \_\_\_\_\_  None  ROR/Sign  
 Cash  PTR  
 Any  
 Pro  
 PtIQ  
 Purge TRANS BOX  
 SC \_\_\_\_\_

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 1/10/2011 Time: 13:30  
 Instructions: CRESTVIEW COURTHOUSE COURT ROO [ A ]

[ COURT INFORMATION ]

Court	Judge	Date
Sent CIRCUIT		
Rcvd CIRCUIT	FLOWERS	12/8/2011

Court Case Number 1111679

Assigned To:

[ DISPOSITION ]

<u>Disposition Type</u>	<u>Release Type</u>	<u>Other Desc</u>
<u>Release Date</u>	<u>Release Time</u>	<u>Release Officer</u>
		<u>Printed</u> <u>Printed By</u>
		No
<u>Released To</u>		

<u>Court DispositionType</u>	<u>Court Disposition Description</u>
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[ ADDITIONAL PERSONS ]

COURT DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(right index)

- No Bill / Petition
- Issue Warrant
- Prosecution Approved

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Assistant State Attorney Date

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