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OCSO MAKES ARREST IN RECENT THEFTS OF LUXURY CARS, INVESTIGATION CONTINUES



Scott Jason Haslam

A Destin teenager is charged with grand theft auto, fleeing and eluding, and resisting arrest without violence following a short pursuit by deputies with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Wednesday afternoon.

17-year old Scott Jason Haslam of 4050 Indian Bayou Road in Destin was spotted driving a stolen 2005 Toyota Avalon in the parking garage of the Emerald Grande condominiums by a deputy who was working the case. The car had been reported stolen from the parking garage the night before. Two deputies attempted to stop the car but Haslam fled until he was cornered on Lola Circle. At that point, he and four other occupants in the car jumped out and ran in different directions. One of the deputies used his Taser to subdue Haslam after Haslam ignored his commands to stop and tried to scale a fence to get away.

In addition to the Avalon and as part of the ongoing investigation, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office was also able to recover two additional stolen vehicles; a 2010 Lexus SUV taken from a home in Kelly Plantation July 17th and a white Mercedes stolen from Okaloosa Island July 20th.

Haslam was transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice facility in Crestview.

Additional charges and additional arrests are expected.

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