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MAN ARRESTED FOR SNEAKING PILL-FILLED BALLOON INTO JAIL

A Crestview man who was transported to the Okaloosa County jail following a court appearance is now charged with possession of drugs without a prescription and smuggling contraband into a detention facility.

46-year old James Earl Howard of 1018 Chestnut Avenue was searched by a jail corrections officer following his court appearance July 6th. The officer discovered a partially opened green rubber balloon in the defendant's underwear. Inside the balloon were thirteen orange pills with the word Cephalon on them. The pills were found to be a generic form of a muscle relaxer which is available only through prescription from a licensed physician.

Deputies say Howard was unable to provide proof that he had a valid prescription for the medication. Both charges are third degree felonies.

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