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OCSO INVESTIGATES CARJACKING AND BATTERY OF GOOD SAMARITAN



The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is investigating a carjacking that took place Wednesday in Mary Esther and led to the battery of an 81-year old Mary Esther resident.

The victim pulled into the parking lot of the Food World at 251 Mary Esther Cut-off around 7 a.m. yesterday (Wednesday) to buy groceries.

He says a black male approached him and asked him to help "jump" the dead battery in his car. The victim agreed to help and took him to the nearby McDonald's. Once there, however the suspect said his car had been towed and asked the victim to drive him to his home off Lovejoy Road. On the way, the suspect began demanding money. The victim stopped on Dates Avenue and the suspect hit the 81-year old man during a struggle over the car keys. Both got out of the car and the suspect continued to physically batter the victim before taking off in the victim's car, a tan 2007 Ford Fusion. The suspect then crashed the car into a tree approximately 200 yards away. He fled the scene in a maroon Hyundai sedan with a white male and white female.

The victim was taken to Fort Walton Beach Medical Center where he was admitted for treatment of his injuries. Due to the nature of the crime, the victim's name is not yet being released while the suspect is sought.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is investigating.

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