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Destin Homicide Suspect Arrested in Madison County

Madison, FL - A Crestview, Florida man wanted in connection with a Homicide and Armed Robbery is finally behind bars after almost two weeks on the run. According to investigators from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, 23 year old Deaundros L. Blackshear was involved in an armed robbery on November 15, 2011 in Destin, Florida which ended in the shooting death of 21 year old Junior Christopher Ferguson. Information released indicated that Blackshear and co-defendant Arderiuss Warren set up a deal with Ferguson and Peter Frazier to purchase \$1000.00 worth of cellular telephones. As Frazier and Warren discussed the deal and exchanged money, Blackshear is alleged to have pulled out a gun killing Ferguson and wounding Frazier. Arderiuss Warren was arrested by Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office on November 16 for unrelated drug charges and charged on November 17 with the murder and armed robbery of Ferguson and Frazier. Okaloosa County Sheriff's Deputies identified Deaundros Blackshear as the alleged shooter in the robbery and have been pursuing Blackshear throughout North Florida and South Alabama since the incident. Members of the US Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force were contacted by Okaloosa investigators on Friday November 18 after information was obtained that Blackshear may have fled to the Madison County, Florida area. Task Force members working with the Madison County Sheriff's Office identified several family members and known associates of Blackshear who were currently living in Madison County. Information developed by Madison investigators lead a team of task force officers to a residence in the 200 block of Anderson Pond Way early this morning. US Marshals Task Force Officers and Madison County Deputy Sheriff's surrounded the residence and located Blackshear inside the residence hiding in a room with two small female children. Blackshear surrendered to the overwhelming law enforcement presence after a brief standoff and was booked into the Madison County Jail where he awaits extradition back to Okaloosa County.

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