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CLEVER HIDING PLACE DOESN'T FOOL DEPUTIES



The U.S. Marshal's Florida Regional Task Force and additional investigators, along with a K-9 Unit of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office arrested an Okaloosa County man wanted on numerous charges of violation of probation, grand larceny, dealing in stolen property and resisting without violence.

Early Wednesday morning, Task Force Officers from Okaloosa, Walton and Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Offices located and arrested Johnny Aplin at 3102 Aplin Rd. in Crestview. His brother, Willie Williams and Aplin's girlfriend, April Owens, are charged with obstruction.

Several notifications were made to the Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers in regard to the whereabouts of Aplin; however investigators had been unsuccessful locating him. Last night, Task Force Officers and Investigators conducted a thorough examination of the residence.

Aplin was found hiding in a covert nook under his kitchen stove. Investigators were able to determine that the stove was not connected, or functioning. They removed it from its wall mount and discovered Aplin hiding in the space underneath it. A trap door with a handle from the inside allowed Aplin to remain in hiding, securing the trap door behind him.

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