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OCSO SGT. FACES DUI CHARGE

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office arrested an agency Sergeant Thursday night in Destin on a charge of driving under the influence.

Deputies were called to an area of Highway 98 near 314 Harbor Boulevard shortly before ten p.m. February 2nd in response to a motorcycle crash.

Deputies say citizens reported finding 48-year old Sgt. Ted Cason lying on the ground near the motorcycle. He had blood on his forehead, but despite an apparent head injury, declined medical attention. He also refused a Field Sobriety Test or alcohol breath test.

A Sgt. on the scene noted that Cason had a moderate smell of alcohol coming from his breath, his eyes appeared watery, and he was unsteady on his feet.

He was charged with driving under the influence and has been suspended without pay pending the results of an internal investigation.

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FLORIDA DUI UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATION

0301-XBI CHECK DIGIT 2

COMPLAINT

Form containing citation details: COUNTY OF OKALOOSA, OKALOOSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, CITY OF DESTIN, COMPLAINT (RETAINED BY COURT), DAY OF WEEK Thu, MONTH 02, DAY 02, YEAR 2012, TIME 11:31 PM, NAME (PRINT) FIRST THEODORE, MIDDLE CLAUDE, LAST CASON, STREET 1250 N EGLIN PKWY, CITY SHALIMAR, STATE FL, ZIP CODE 32579-2307, TELEPHONE NUMBER 850000000, DATE OF BIRTH 06/03/1963, RACE W, SEX M, HGT 510, DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED], YR. VEHICLE 2011, MAKE HD, STYLE MC, COLOR BLK, VEHICLE LICENSE NO. 1625LF, TRAILER TAG NO., STATE FL, YEAR TAG EXPIRES 2012, UPON A PUBLIC STREET OR HIGHWAY, OR OTHER LOCATION, NAMELY US HWY 98 @ MARLER STREET

DID UNLAWFULLY COMMIT THE OFFENSE OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, CHEMICAL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; DID DRIVE, OR WAS IN ACTUAL PHYSICAL CONTROL OF A VEHICLE, WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE/CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO THE EXTENT NORMAL FACULTIES WERE IMPAIRED, OR WITH A BLOOD OR BREATH ALCOHOL LEVEL OF .08 OR ABOVE OF

Form with checkboxes: STATE STATUTE [checked], AGGRESSIVE DRIVER [unchecked], SECTION 316.193, CRASH [checked], DAMAGE TO OTHER PROPERTY [checked], INJURY TO ANOTHER [checked], SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO ANOTHER [checked], FATAL [checked]

THIS IS A CRIMINAL VIOLATION. COURT APPEARANCE REQUIRED, AS INDICATED BELOW. COURT DATE 02/21/2012, TIME 0900, CHECK DIGIT 2

COUNTY COURT SOUTH, OKALOOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX EXTENSION, 1940 LEWIS TURNER BLVD, FORT WALTON BEACH FL 32547

ARREST DELIVERED TO OKALOOSA COUNTY JAIL, DATE 02/03/2012. I AGREE AND PROMISE TO COMPLY AND ANSWER TO THE CHARGES AND INSTRUCTIONS SPECIFIED IN THIS CITATION...

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, YOUR DRIVING PRIVILEGE IS SUSPENDED/DISQUALIFIED FOR: DRIVING WITH AN UNLAWFUL BLOOD OR BREATH ALCOHOL LEVEL. THIS SUSPENSION IS FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS IF THIS IS THE FIRST VIOLATION OR ONE YEAR IF PREVIOUSLY SUSPENDED FOR DRIVING WITH AN UNLAWFUL BLOOD OR BREATH ALCOHOL LEVEL.

REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO LAWFUL BREATH, BLOOD OR URINE TEST SECTION 322.2615, F. S. THIS SUSPENSION IS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR IF THIS IS A FIRST REFUSAL OR 18 MONTHS IF PREVIOUSLY SUSPENDED FOR THIS OFFENSE.

LICENSE SURRENDERED? [checked] YES [unchecked] NO REASON: ELIGIBLE FOR PERMIT? [checked] YES [unchecked] NO REASON: UNLESS INELIGIBLE, THIS CITATION SHALL SERVE AS A TEMPORARY DRIVER LICENSE AND WILL EXPIRE AT MIDNIGHT ON 02/13/2012 (THE 10TH DAY FOLLOWING THE DATE OF SUSPENSION).

AT THE BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS OFFICE, 7282 PLANTATION ROAD, SUITE 406, PENSACOLA 32504-6331, YOU MAY REQUEST, ON OR BEFORE 02/13/2012 (WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SUSPENSION), A REVIEW OF SUSPENSION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES. SEE REVERSE SIDE.

Handwritten signature of Sergeant Shannon M. Tait

SERGEANT SHANNON M TAIT, RANK - SIGNATURE OF OFFICER, BADGE NO. 957, ID. NO., PATROL, TROOP UNIT

CASE NO _____ DOCKET NO _____ PAGE NO _____

Table with columns: DATE, COURT ACTION AND OTHER ORDERS. Rows include: BAIL FIXED AT \$ _____ OR CASH DEPOSIT OF \$ _____, SIGNATURE OF PERSON GIVING BAIL, SIGNATURE OF PERSON TAKING BAIL, FINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ RECEIVED AS REQUIRED BY COURT SCHEDULE, SIGNATURE OF CLERK, CONTINUANCE TO _____ REASON _____, BOND ESTREATED _____, WARRANT ISSUED _____, VIOLATOR FAILED TO APPEAR-DRIVER LICENSE SUSPENDED, VIOLATOR ARRAIGNED ON _____ (DATE) PLEA: _____ FINDING: _____ ADJUDICATION: _____ SENTENCE: FINE _____ COST _____ JAILED _____ DAYS DRIVER IMPROVEMENT SCHOOL _____ OTHER _____ DRIVER LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED FOR _____ DAYS RECOMMEND DRIVER LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR _____ DAYS RECOMMEND RE-TEST _____, SIGNATURE OF JUDGE, TESTIMONY - JUDGE'S NOTES (OR OTHER COURT ORDERS):, APPEAL BOND OF \$ _____, VIOLATOR'S FINGERPRINT WHEN APPLICABLE

DUI PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

CITATION # 0301-XBI OFFENSE # 12-1140
DEFENDANT Theodore Claude Cason RACE W SEX M
DOB 06/03/1963 LOCATION OF VIOLATION US Hwy 98 @ Marler Street
DATE/TIME OF OFFENSE 02/02/2012 @ 2155 WEATHER Clear
LIGHTING Dark AREA TYPE Roadway
ROAD CONDITIONS Dry/Good TRAFFIC CONDITIONS Light
VEHICLE INFORMATION Harley Davidson Motorcycle FL TAG/1625LF
OTHER INFORMATION

FIRST CONTACT WITH SUSPECT AND/OR VEHICLE:

REASON FOR TRAFFIC STOP:

Contact was made with the defendant after he was involved in a traffic crash.

TRAFFIC STOP:

FOLLOWED THE SUSPECT VEHICLE FOR N/A WITH "BLUE LIGHTS" ACTIVATED.
OFFICER USED HORN SIREN TO STOP THE VEHICLE, DESCRIBE THE VEHICLE STOPPING AND ITS
POSITION ON THE ROAD WAY

WAS THE FIRST CONTACT WITH THE SUSPECT DUE TO A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT? X YES NO. IF YES, LIST
THE TIME ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION ENDED AND THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION STARTED
2241

UNUSUAL ACTIONS OBSERVED:

Unable to maintain balance. Swayed while on his feet. When asked about registration and insurance he stated he did not have those items
on him. I asked what insurance company he had and he stated USAA. He then changed it to Progressive. I asked if he had anything with
his policy number on it and he stated he had his social security number because he believed it was the same. I explained that it is a
different number than his social.

OFFICER'S OBSERVATIONS OF SUSPECT:

DRIVER'S ACTION WHEN LICENSE AND REGISTRATION REQUESTED:

- RETRIEVED IN NORMAL MANNER
X FUMBLE WITH WALLET OR PAPERS
TRIED TO REMOVED FROM WRONG SIDE
PASSED OVER LICENSE TIMES
HANDED OFFICER WRONG DOCUMENT
OTHER

OTHER INFO stated did not have registration or insurance on his motorcycle

STANDING:

- NORMAL FALLING
NEEDS HELP LEANS ON OBJECT
X SWAYING OTHER

OTHER INFO

WALK TO ROADSIDE:

- NORMAL FALLING
X STAGGERED NEEDED HELP
X SWAYING OTHER

OTHER INFO

ODOR OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE:

NONE STRONG
 SLIGHT ATTEMPT TO
 MODERATE CONCEAL

OTHER INFO _____

EYES: (COLOR Blue)

NORMAL WATERY
 GLASSY DILATED PUPILS
 BLOODSHOT WEARING CONTACTS
/GLASSES

OTHER INFO _____

FACE:

NORMAL FLUSHED
 RED OTHER

OTHER INFO _____

ATTITUDE:

CRYING COOPERATIVE
 PROFANE INDIFFERENT
 LAUGHING ARGUMENTATIVE
 COMBATIVE CHANGING EMOTIONS
 APOLOGETIC OTHER

OTHER INFO _____

SPEECH:

NORMAL SLURRED
 THICK TONGUED STUTTERED
 MUMBLED ACCENT
 DELIBERATE OTHER

OTHER INFO _____

CLOTHING WORN (INDICATE COLOR):

SHIRT/BLOUSE Orange long sleeve Harley Davidson t-shirt/leather riding jacket SHOES Brown boots
PANTS/DRESS Khaki BDUs OTHER _____
 URINE STAINS BURNS OTHER INFO _____
 BLOOD STAINS OTHER _____

ROADSIDE SOBRIETY RESULTS:

- HORIZONTAL GAZE NYSTAGMUS Refused to complete
- WALK AND TURN Refused to complete
- ONE LEG STAND Refused to complete
- FINGER TO NOSE Refused to complete
- ROMBERG ALPHABET Refused to complete

OTHER INFORMATION:

Admitted to having a couple of drinks when asked by EMS personnel if he had been drinking. Stated on scene he was in possession of a .45 caliber firearm however, had lost it. Several deputies looked around the crash scene for the firearm with negative contact. A short time later the firearm was located still on the defendant's person in a leather holster.

I SWEAR THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS AFFIDAVIT IS TRUE AND CORRECT

[Signature]
SIGNATURE OF ARRESTING OFFICER

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 03 DAY OF February, 2012

[Signature] #35
FULL TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER