

# Sheriff



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## **CRESTVIEW MAN CHARGED WITH SHOCKING TWO GIRLS WITH DOG COLLAR**



The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office today charged a Crestview man with two counts of felony child abuse in connection with reports he used a dog shock collar to punish two young girls.

28-year old Michael Lee Mitchell of 2494 South Lakeview Drive was taken into custody following an investigation into reports he punished an eight-year old girl by making her do extreme physical activity, called "suicides", until she vomited. In an interview with the child, she told investigators Mitchell also would put a dog shock collar on one of her arms after first threatening to put it around her neck. If she stopped running, Mitchell would shock her until she began running again.

Investigators from the Sheriff's Office and Department of Children & Families also learned that on at least one occasion, Mitchell forced the girl to run alongside his vehicle for at least three miles. In addition, Mitchell said he had placed the shock collar around a four year old girl's waist and shocked her for bad behavior as well.

Mitchell admitted to investigators the punishment was "extreme and over the edge".

Mitchell was transported to the Okaloosa County Jail in Crestview.

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IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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REPORT NO: OCSO12ARR000764

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO12OFF000807	Other No	OBTS
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[ SUSPECT ]

Last                      First                      Middle                      Title Race Sex DOB                      Age Hgt Wgt  
 MITCHELL                      MICHAEL                      LEE                                           W    M    9/1/1983    28    5'10"    230  
Eyes Hair MNI Number                      SSN                      ID. No.                      St    Type                      OCA/Agency ID  
 HAZ    BRO    OCSO12MNI001125    [REDACTED]                      M324552833210                      FL

Birth Location: City: County: State: Nation: Citizenship:  
 Address

2494 S LAKEVIEW DR CRESTVEIW FL 32536

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

\* none found in MNI \*

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

\* none found in MNI \*

Street Names

\* none found in MNI \*

[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]

Occurred Date Range: 1/24/2012                      to                      Lat / Long  
 No.                      Di    Street                      Apt/Lot City                      ST    Zip                      (GEO)  
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[ CHARGES ]

827.03.1

CRUELTY TOWARD CHILD

ABUSE WITHOUT GREAT HARM

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
2	Felony	Third	Principal	9000		3802	

[ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

On 1/24/12 I responded to [REDACTED] Crestview FL in reference to a joint child abuse investigation.

I made contact with the victim, 8 year old [REDACTED] and Department of Children and Families (DCF) investigator Dee Richmond. During an interview [REDACTED] stated that the defendant, [REDACTED] Michael Mitchell, punishes her by making her do physical activity, to include "suicides" which consisted of running, flutter kicks, pushups and sit ups until she puked. The defendant also, on three different occasions placed a dog shock collar on one of her arm's after first threatening to put it on her neck. [REDACTED] stated that when she would stop running, the defendant would shock her with the dog shock collar until she began running again. At one point the defendant went into the house and [REDACTED] was unsupervised, at which point she took the opportunity and took off the shock collar and fled from the residence by running into the woods.

During an interview with the victim [REDACTED] 4 year old [REDACTED] she stated that she witnessed the defendant holding the shock collar on [REDACTED] upper arm and she saw the defendant push the red button on the remote, thus shocking [REDACTED] with the shock collar.

On the same date during a noncustodial interview with the defendant, he admitted to forcing [REDACTED] to do "PT" as punishment. The defendant also admitted to placing the shock collar on [REDACTED] arm and shocking her with it during the "PT". The defendant stated that he would force [REDACTED] to do suicides until she puked. The defendant stated that he has placed the shock collar on [REDACTED] on at least three other occasions within the past three months as a form of punishment, shocking her with it. The defendant continued that he has also placed the shock collar around [REDACTED] waist and shocked her as a form of punishment because she was copying [REDACTED] bad behavior. He further stated that

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on at least one occasion, he forced [REDACTED] to run alongside his vehicle for at least three miles as a form of punishment. During the interview the defendant admitted that the punishment that he inflicted on [REDACTED] was "extreme and over the edge."

Based on my investigation I have reason to believe the defendant, Michael Mitchell, did violate F.S. S. 827.03.1 Child Abuse without great harm to wit: Intentionally and inflicting of physical or mental injury upon a child. These offenses occurred in Okaloosa County, Florida where I am a sworn Law Enforcement Officer.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the facts established on this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature (Arresting Officer) \_\_\_\_\_ **SUHL, HOLLY L** Name **208** ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 24 day of January A.D., 2012 by \_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ CO

Commission No: \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ ARREST INFORMATION ]

Arrested 1/24/2012	Residency 14:03 Within jurisdiction	Injured None	Extent of Injury N/A	Resist No		
No.	Di	Street	Arrested Prior No	Arrest Jurisdiction Within jurisdiction	Alcohol Unknown	Drugs Unknown
296		BRACKIN ST	A/L	City CRESTVIEW	ST FL	Zip 32539
Arresting Officer 208	SUHL, HOLLY L		Unit OCSO/FSV/NORTH/BD/D-SHIFT	(GEO) 1 - 5 - -	Officer Type	
Reporting Officer			Unit		Original Offense Jurisdiction	

Forward to for approval

Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00

- None
- ROR
- Cash
- Pro

Bond Set by Judge \_\_\_\_\_

- None
- Cash
- Any
- Pro
- PtIQ

- ROR/Sign
- PTR

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Return Court: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/6/2012 Time: 13:30  
Instructions: CRESTVIEW COURTHOUSE 101 E JAMES LEE BLVD

[ DISPOSITION ]

<u>Disposition Type</u>	<u>Release Type</u>	<u>Other Desc</u>
<u>Release Date</u>	<u>Release Time</u>	<u>Release Officer</u>
		<u>Printed</u> <u>Printed By</u>
		No
<u>Released To</u>		

<u>Court DispositionType</u>	<u>Court Disposition Description</u>
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[ ADDITIONAL PERSONS ]

COURT DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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No Bill / Petition     Issue Warrant     Prosecution Approved

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Assistant State Attorney                      Date

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