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CAB DRIVER ROBBED IN DESTIN

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is investigating the armed robbery of a cab driver early this morning (Thursday) in Destin. The victim says he was driving down Miracle Strip Parkway in Fort Walton Beach around 4:55 a.m. when he was summoned by a man near Coasters Lounge. The rider asked to be taken to Destin. Near the corner of Siebert Avenue and Zerbe Street, the cab driver says the passenger hit him in the back of the head with what turned out to be a gun. He demanded the driver's money, then got out of the van ran and through a parking lot.

Deputies established a perimeter and called in a K-9 unit in hopes of tracking the individual, but were unable to locate anyone matching the robber's description.

He's described as a black male, approximately 30 years old. He had a full beard about an inch in length and wore blue jeans, a long sleeve multicolored flannel shirt, and a baseball cap with the word "Deere" printed on the front.

Anyone with information on the armed robbery is asked to contact the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office at 850-651-7400 or Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at 850-863-TIPS.

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