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DESTIN WOMAN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED BATTERY WITH DEADLY WEAPON



A Destin woman has been charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon after witnesses say she deliberately hit a man in a restaurant parking lot June 15th.

Deputies were called to La Famiglia at 300 Harbor Boulevard in Destin around 9:20 p.m. after a restaurant employee directing traffic in the parking lot reported that a woman hit him twice with her SUV.

Ronald Stratton told deputies he was trying to help cars get in and out of the parking lot when he spotted a white Ford Excursion going the wrong direction and holding up traffic. He says when he told the female driver she was going the wrong way; she hit him with her car, knocking him back two to three feet. He says a passenger in the front seat yelled at him to move and then the driver hit him again, causing him to fall on the hood of the SUV and then to the ground. Two witnesses also say the driver, identified as 45-year old Kelly Gates of Destin, deliberately struck Stratton.

Gates told deputies that Stratton was yelling at her and threw a glass at her windshield.

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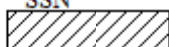
ARREST REPORT

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

REPORT NO: OCSO12ARR006516

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO12OFF007042	Other No OCSO12CAD094956	OBTS 4601087513
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[SUSPECT]

Last First Middle Title Race Sex DOB Age Hgt Wgt
 GATES KELLY WRIGHT W F 10/2/1966 45 5'10" 140
 Eyes Hair MNI Number SSN I.D. No. St Type OCA/Agency ID
 BRO BRO OCSO09MNI020120  G320519668620 FL DL/E

Birth Location: City: MONTGOMERY County: State: ALABAMA Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES

Address

544 SIBERT AV DESTIN FL 325

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: CITY OF DESTIN, Job Title: CODE ENFORCEMENT, Phone: (850)837-4242 Entered: 12/10/2009 Suite:

Business: CITY OF DESTIN, Job Title: CODE ENFORCEMENT, Phone: (850)837-4242 Entered: 11/19/2001 Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

WRIGHT, KELLY LYNN 10/2/1966

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range: 6/15/2012 21:21 to 6/15/2012 21:21 Lat / Long
 No. Di Street Apt/Lot City ST Zip (GEO)
 300 HARBOR BD A DESTIN FL 325 3 - 25 - -

[CHARGES]

784.045.1A2

AGG BATT

USES A DEADLY WEAPON

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Second	Not Applicable	130A			

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On June 15, 2012, at approximately 2120 hours, I responded to the parking lot of La Famiglia restaurant, located at 300 Harbor Blvd. Destin, Florida in reference to a traffic crash that just occurred. Upon arrival I made contact with the victim, Ronald Stratton and two witnesses, Thomas Rosser and Jeffrey Iavarone. After speaking with Stratton it was revealed an aggravated battery actually occurred.

Stratton provided an Affidavit of Complaint to the following. Stratton stated he was attempting to direct traffic in the La Famiglia parking lot where he works when he observed a white Ford Excursion traveling the wrong direction in the parking lot. Stratton informed the female driver, later identified as the defendant, Kelly Wright Gates that she was going the wrong way and holding up traffic. The Defendant then struck Stratton with the SUV she was operating knocking him back 2-3 feet. Stratton then yelled at the defendant to stop. The defendant then accelerated as a white male wearing an orange shirt sitting in the front passenger seat yelled, "Move!" Stratton was struck again which caused him to fall on the hood of the SUV and then to the ground. The defendant then exited the parking lot and drove east on U.S. Highway 98. Stratton described the defendant as having blond, shoulder length hair and was wearing a white shirt. Stratton provided me the Florida tag on the SUV as I863WC. Stratton also told me he was holding a glass in his hand when he was struck which shattered during the incident. Stratton was not injured and refused medical attention.

I ran the tag through NCIC/FCIC which revealed it was registered to Kelly Wright Gates and assigned to a white 2000 Ford SUV.

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Both Iavarone and Rosser provided sworn written statements which corroborated Stratton's Affidavit of Complaint.

On June 16, 2012, post Miranda, the defendant stated Stratton was screaming at her like a maniac. The defendant inched her SUV forward, which appeared to make him more angry at which time he threw a glass at her windshield which caused it to spider on the bottom middle portion of it.

The defendant's husband (who was inside the vehicle at the time of the incident), David Gates corroborated her verbal statement.

Based upon my investigation I believe and do believe the defendant, Kelly Wright Gates violated F.S.S. 784.045 (1a2); Aggravated battery with a deadly weapon (motor vehicle). This offense occurred in Okaloosa County, Florida where your affiant is a 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) _____ **COOPER, RICHARD L** Name **210** ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 18 day of June 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	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist
6/15/2012 21:21	Within jurisdiction	None	N/A	No
		Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol
		No	Within jurisdiction	No
No.	Di Street	A/L	City	ST Zip
544	SIBERT AVE		DESTIN	FL 32541
Arresting Officer		Unit	(GEO) 3 - 25 - -	Lat / Long
210 COOPER, RICHARD L		OCSO/FSV/EAST/BD/B-SHIFT/DES		30.407082 / -86.497282
Reporting Officer		Unit		Officer Type
210 COOPER, RICHARD L		OCSO/FSV/EAST/BD/B-SHIFT/DES		OCSO

Forward to for approval
OCSO/FSV/EAST/BD/B-SHIFT/DES

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

- () None
- () ROR
- () Cash
- () Pro

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Bond Set by Judge _____ () None () ROR/Sign
 _____ () Cash () PTR
 _____ () Any
 _____ () Pro
 _____ () PtIQ
 ()Purge _____
 ()SC _____

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 7/17/2012 Time: 15:30
 Instructions: 1940 LEWIS TURNER BLVD, FT WALTON BEACH, FL

[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>
<u>Released To</u>		No

<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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