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April 11, 2013

## TWO CHARGED IN BLUEWATER BAY ARMED ROBBERY



Stephen Whitner

Otis Miller Jr.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has charged two men in connection with an attempt to rob a man sitting in a car parked at a Niceville area restaurant.

The 28-year old victim, an employee of the restaurant, says he was sitting in the Sonic Drive-In parking lot at State Road 20 around four p.m. Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> when a man walked up and put a gun in his stomach. He says the man, later identified as 31-year old Otis Chan Miller Jr. of Fort Walton Beach, told him to put his hands on the steering wheel. The employee instead grabbed the gun. He says after a brief struggle, he pushed Miller back, who then pointed the gun at him and pulled the trigger. The gun misfired. The victim ran away as Miller got into a blue Toyota Camry and headed south on Bluewater Bay Boulevard with another man.

School Resource Officers from area schools and other deputies quickly set up a perimeter and a deputy spotted the suspect car at the intersection of Bay Drive and Highway 20. Whitner and the driver, 25-year old Stephen Whitner of Valparaiso, were detained and later arrested on a charge of armed robbery.

The gun was not recovered.

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

ARREST REPORT

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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On April 11, 2013 I responded to Sonic Drive-In Restaurant, located at 4573 State Road 20, Niceville, Florida in reference to a robbery.

#### OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

REPORT NO	: OCSO1:	3ARR003840
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Miller Jr approached him, removed a firearm from his sweatshirt, and put it in Evan's stomach. Miller ordered Evans to put his hands on the steering wheel. Evans grabbed the gun and began fighting over it with Miller. After a short struggle, Evans pushed Miller back. Miller pointed the gun at Evans and pulled the trigger, but the gun misfired. As Miller was attempting to fix the malfunction of the firearm, Evans ran away. Evans stated the suspects left the area in a blue Toyota Camry, bearing Florida tag I000SL. The vehicle was last seen traveling south on Bluewater Bay Blvd.

Approximately 8 minutes after the initial call, a perimeter deputy located the vehicle at the intersection of Bay Dr. and Hwy 20 and a traffic stop was conducted. Both the Miller and the co-defendant were detained.

Evans arrived for a show up and positively identified Miller as the person who attempted to rob him.

During post Miranda interview, Miller admitted to going to Sonic to attempt to rob Evans. Miller further denied having a firearm and stated Evans had the firearm.

My investigation, which is based on statements from the suspect, victim, witnesses, and collection of physical evidence.

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ARREST REPORT

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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On April 11, 2013 I responded to Sonic, located at 4573 State Road 20, Niceville, Florida in reference to a robbery.

#### OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

REPORT NO: OCSO13ARR003841

The victim, Michael Evans, stated he was in the parking lot of Sonic, located at 4573 State Road 20, Niceville, Florida. While sitting in the driver seat of his vehicle co-defendant approached him, removed a firearm from his sweatshirt, and put it in Evan's stomach. The co-defendant ordered Evans to put his hands on the steering wheel. Evans grabbed the gun and began fighting over it with Miller. After a short struggle, Evans pushed co-defendant back. The co-defendant pointed the gun at Evans and pulled the trigger, but the gun misfired. As the co-defendant was attempting to fix the malfunction of the firearm, Evans ran away. Evans stated the suspects left the area in a blue Toyota Camry, bearing Florida tag 1000SL. The vehicle was last seen traveling south on Bluewater Bay Blvd.

Approximately 8 minutes after the call the initial call, a perimeter deputy located the vehicle at the intersection of Bay Dr. and Hwy 20 and a traffic stop was conducted. The driver, Stephen Whitner, and the co-defendant were detained.

During post Miranda interview, the co-defendant admitted to going to Sonic to attempt to rob Evans. The co-defendant further stated it was Whitner's idea. Whitner denied even being present during the incident, but did admit to driving the vehicle.

My investigation, which is based on statements from the suspect, victim, witnesses, and collection of physical evidence, revealed Stephan Whitner did violate F.S.S. 812.13(2a) – Attempted Robbery (Principal). This incident occurred in Okaloosa County, Florida.

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