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CRESTVIEW MAN ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL MOLESTATION LAST MONTH NOW FACING ADDITIONAL CHARGES



Last month, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office served warrants on a Crestview man wanted on charges of sexual battery, lewd and lascivious molestation, child neglect, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Today 40-year old Mason Wesley Furniss of 4622 Canary Way in Crestview is facing additional charges; five counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and two counts of felony child neglect.

In the first arrest on March 22nd, OCSO Investigator Ralph Garrett says Furniss had sexually molested a teenage girl on various occasions between December 2012 and February 2013 at his home on Canary Way in Crestview, at the Quality Inn in Crestview, and at the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort on Okaloosa Island.

During a controlled phone call with that victim, Furniss admitted to the sexual acts with the teen and told her he planned to take her to Mississippi when she turned sixteen to marry her.

In the charges filed by the OCSO yesterday, April 15th, Garrett says Furniss supplied alcoholic beverages and marijuana to four juveniles on multiple occasions between August 2012 and January 2013 and asked them to make out with each other. Furniss also would make comments to the victims that he wanted to have sex with them.



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In September 2012, Investigator Garrett says Furniss had been allowing the victims to drink alcoholic beverages when one of the girls fell off the back of his pick-up truck, onto the roadway, hurting her back. He did not take her for medical treatment and would not let her call her mother.

On another occasion, Furniss took the victims to a community swimming pool and allowed one of them, age 12, to jump into the deep end of the pool although he knew she couldn't swim. He refused to help pull her out and two of the other victims had to pull the girl to safety.

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REPORT NO: OCSO13ARR003914

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO13OFF001698	Other No OCSO13CAD027324	OBTS
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[SUSPECT]

<u>Last</u> FURNISS	<u>First</u> MASON	<u>Middle</u> WESLEY	<u>Title</u>	<u>Race</u> W	<u>Sex</u> M	<u>DOB</u> 6/15/1972	<u>Age</u> 40	<u>Hgt</u> 601	<u>Wgt</u> 200
<u>Eyes</u> BLU	<u>Hair</u> BLD	<u>MNI Number</u> OCSO10MNI009138	<u>SSN</u> [REDACTED]	<u>ID No</u> [REDACTED]	<u>St</u> FL	<u>Type</u> E	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u> 2130815		

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

4622 CANARY WY CRESTVIEW FL 32536

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: HOT LIL POT, Job Title: OWNER, Entered: 2/22/2013

Business: CROWN CASTLE, Job Title: , Entered: 12/19/2012
TAMPA FL

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

* none found in MNI *

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range:	8/1/2012	00:01	to	2/19/2013	16:11	Lat / Long	
No.	Di	Street	Apt/Lot	City	ST	Zip	(GEO)
6127		SADDLE HORSE LANE		CRESTVIEW	FL	32536	1 - 5 - -

[CHARGES]

827.03.3c

NEGLECT CHILD
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	Facilitate	9000		3806	

827.04.1

CONTRIB DELINQ MINOR
OR DEPENDENCY OF

<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>
5	Misdemeanor	First	Facilitate	9000		3805	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

Based on a sworn affidavit of complaint, Florida Abuse Reports, and sworn recorded and written statements from witnesses stating to wit:

Between August 2012 and December 2012 the suspect, Mason Furniss, lived at 6127 Saddle Horse Lane in Crestview, Florida Okaloosa County. In December 2012 he moved into a room for a short period, at the Jameson Inn located in Crestview, Florida Okaloosa County, and then rented a residence at 4622 Canary Way in Crestview, Florida Okaloosa County. During this time frame, Furniss was part owner and operator of a pottery/ceramic business, "Hot Little Pot", which was located on North Ferdon Blvd. in Crestview, Florida Okaloosa County.



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While spending the weekends, Furniss supplied and allowed victims [redacted] to consume alcoholic beverages to wit: Smirnoff wine coolers and beer to the point of intoxication. Furniss also supplied and allowed [redacted] to smoke cigarettes. On one occasion, Furniss supplied and allowed [redacted] to smoke marijuana and on more than one occasion offered her more to smoke, to which she refused.

On more than one occasion and while the victims were drinking and or intoxicated Furniss dared them, and asked them to "make out" with each other and each time they were asked, the victims did kiss each other, while Furniss would look at them. Furniss would also make comments to the victims that he wanted to have sex with them.

On one occasion on or about September of 2012, Furniss took the victims to a community swimming pool near his Saddle Horse Lane residence. The victim, [redacted] was drinking/intoxicated to the point that she jumped into the deep end of the pool, knowing she couldn't swim. Furniss was drinking alcoholic beverages also and was standing near the pool "giggling" at [redacted] failing to offer any help, supervision, or assistance of any kind. Two of the other victims had to assist pulling [redacted] from the water.

Also on another occasion on or about September of 2012, Furniss was drinking alcoholic beverages and allowing the victims to drink. He was further driving his pick-up truck around the community near his Saddle Horse Lane residence. Victim [redacted] was also drinking/intoxicated and fell off of the back of the pick-up truck and onto the roadway, hurting her back. Furniss took her back to his residence and let her put ice on her back, but fail to allow or offer any other medical service. [redacted] then asked to call her mother about her back, and Furniss took her phone and told her she couldn't call because if her mother found out they were drinking, he would get into trouble.

Per witness statements, Furniss admitted to letting the victims smoke cigarettes, marijuana, and also letting them drink alcoholic beverages. The drinking also took place at Furniss' place of business, the "Hot Little Pot".

I have reason to believe and do believe that Mason Furniss violated Florida Statutes 827.03(3c) - Child Neglect and 827.04(1) - Contributing to the Delinquency or Dependency of a Minor Child in Okaloosa County, Florida.

RDG

Signature (Arresting Officer) _____ WEST, KENNETH D _____ 036
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 16 day of April A.D., 2013 by _____
who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Signature _____ Notary Public _____ LEO _____ CO

Commission No: _____ My Commission Expires _____

Supervisor Signature _____ Date _____ Supervisor Name (Please Print) _____ Rank _____

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[PHYSICAL EVIDENCE] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ARREST INFORMATION]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist
4/15/2013 15:41	Within jurisdiction	None	N/A	No
	Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol	Drugs
	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City
1200	E	JAMES LEE BLVD		CRESTVIEW
			ST	Zip
			FL	32539
Arresting Officer		Unit	(GEO)	1 - 5 - -
036 WEST, KENNETH D		OCSO/FSV/NORTH/BD/D-SHIFT		Officer Type
Reporting Officer		Unit		Original Offense Jurisdiction
061 GARRETT, RALPH D		OCSO/FSV/INV/CID		OCSO
Forward to for approval				
OCSO/FSV/INV/CID				

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

- None
- ROR
- Cash
- Pro

Bond Set by Judge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> ROR/Sign
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> PTR
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pro	
	<input type="checkbox"/> PtIQ	

Purge UNSERVED

SC _____

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 5/28/2013 Time: 13:30

Instructions: CRESTVIEW COURTROOM "A"

[COURT INFORMATION]

	Court	Judge	Date
Sent	CIRCUIT		
Rcvd	CIRCUIT	WARD	4/15/2013

Court Case Number **13-1698**

Assigned To:

[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>		

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Court DispositionType

Court Disposition Description

[ADDITIONAL PERSONS]

WITNESS STATEMENT

Last	First	Middle	Title	R	S	DOB
FURNISS	MASON	WESLEY		W	M	06/15/1972

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

ID / SSN	FURNISS	, MASON	WESLEY
COURT DISPOSITION:			(right index)

No Bill / Petition Issue Warrant Prosecution Approved

Signature of Assistant State Attorney Date

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