

News Release

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US Marshals Arrest Last Two Suspects in Brutal Kidnapping

NICEVILLE, Fla. – The U.S. Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force apprehended the last two suspects of five people who have been charged by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office with Kidnapping, Robbery and Aggravated Assault. Bertina Eloise Krider and Shannon Elizabeth Yeary were captured early this morning around 1 a.m. at a home on Kelly Mill Road in Niceville. The home is reportedly that of a relative of Krider's. The women, who are both 28 years old, were taken into custody without incident. Earlier this week the Okaloosa Sheriff's Office arrested three other suspects in Destin, Fla. Twenty-two-year old Brittany Plitt and 23-year old Heather Sutton both of Fort Walton Beach; and 28-year old Chase Stewart of Destin, were arrested Tuesday. All five people allegedly kidnapped and bound, repeatedly beating and burning with cigarettes, 23-year old Bethany Stanley of Niceville on Monday. According to Stanley, they drove around Okaloosa County in a White GMC pick-up truck for nearly 24 hours with Stanley in the back. Supposedly Plitt and Sutton believed that the victim had stolen drugs from their home on Rockport Drive in Fort Walton Beach. All five alleged kidnappers are still in Okaloosa County Jail. Plitt, Sutton, Krider, and Yeary do not have bonds and Stewart has a \$250,000 bond.

In 2012, The U.S. Marshals and their task forces arrested more than 123,000 fugitives of which over 86,000 of them were state and local fugitives, nearly 4,000 were homicide suspects and more than 5,000 of them were violent gang members. As well, among that number of arrests more than 12,000 of them were sex offenders.

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