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CRESTVIEW MAN FACING MULTIPLE CHARGES FOR SEXUAL MOLESTATION



The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office today 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.

40-year old Mason Wesley Furniss of 4622 Canary Way in Crestview was recently located in Mississippi and today was brought to the Okaloosa County Jail in Crestview.

OCSO Investigator Ralph Garrett says Furniss 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 the 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.

Investigator Garrett says anyone with additional information on Furniss is asked to contact the OCSO at 850-651-744 or Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at 850-863-TIPS.

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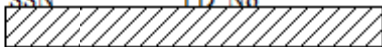
WARRANT/OTTIC SERVED

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REPORT NO: OCSO13ARR002389

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

Last First Middle Title Race Sex DOB Age Hgt Wgt
 FURNISS MASON WESLEY W M 6/15/1972 40 601 200
Eyes Hair MNI Number SSN ID No St Type OCA/Agency ID
 BLU BLD OCSO10MNI009138  FL E 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: 12/1/2012 00:01 to 2/19/2013 16:11 Lat / Long
 No. Di Street Apt/Lot City ST Zip (GEO)
 4622 CANARY WAY CRESTVIEW FL 32539 1 - 5 - -

[CHARGES]

794.011.5

SEX BATTERY

SEX BATT VICT OVR 12 YOA NO PHYSICAL FORCE

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Second	Facilitate	110A		1199	

800.04.5C2

SEX OFF-LEWD OR LASCIVIOUS MOLESTATION

OFFENDER 18 YRS OR OLDER, VICTIM 12 YRS OR OLDER BUT <16 YRS

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Second	Facilitate	3600			

827.03.3c

NEGLECT CHILD

WITHOUT GREAT HARM

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Third	Facilitate	9000		3806	

827.04.1

CONTRIB DELINQ MINOR

OR DEPENDENCY OF

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Misdemeanor	First	Facilitate	9000		3805	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

Based on sworn affidavit of complaints both written and recorded, a forensic interview, and sworn statements from witness stating to wit:

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On or about December of 2012, the victim [REDACTED]
Mason (Mace) Furniss, and his family. During this time the victim [REDACTED]
mother if the victim [REDACTED]
Furniss then began spending many hours with the victim, both day and night.

On several different occasions between December of 2012 and February 23, 2013, Furniss purchased Marlboro Light cigarettes and gave them to the victim and allowed her to smoke them. He further, on many occasions, smoked marijuana and blew the smoke into the victim's face, telling her to inhale the smoke. He also taught her how to light the marijuana cigarettes and allowed her to smoke them. Furniss further purchased alcoholic beverages, to include wine coolers and beer, and allowed the victim to drink it, during the time frame mentioned above. All of the above mentioned acts took place at different locations within the Okaloosa County area.

On or about December 20 through December 28, 2012, Furniss rented a hotel room, (#204) at the Quality Inn in Crestview, Florida, Okaloosa County. On one of the nights, Furniss allowed the victim and three of her friends to spend the night in the room with him. During the night the victim was lying in the same bed with Furniss and at one point he fondled/rubbed her back and her butt. He then put his hand into the victim's pants and inserted one of his fingers into her vagina. The following morning Furniss told the victim not to tell anyone or he would kill himself.

Furniss further fondled/rubbed the victim's vaginal area on two other occasions, in his vehicle and also in a room (#2153) at the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort in Ft. Walton Beach, FL. Okaloosa County. While in his vehicle, Furniss made the victim masturbate him to ejaculation.

Also, between the time frame of December 2012 and February 23, 2013 Furniss engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim on seven (7) different occasions at his residence, 4622 Canary Way in Crestview, FL Okaloosa County. He again engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim (eighth time) on or about February 23, 2013 while in a room (#2153) at the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort in Ft. Walton Beach, FL. Okaloosa County.

The victim described Furniss as being very demanding and she, at times told him "don't", but he engaged in sexual intercourse with her anyway.

On February 25, 2013, a controlled telephone call was accomplished to Furniss. During the call, Furniss admitted to engaging in sexual intercourse with the victim. He further advised he loved the victim and he had planned to take her to Mississippi once she turned 16 years of age, to marry her.

I have reason to believe and do believe that Mason Furniss violated Florida Statutes 794.011(5), Sexual Battery on a Child; 800.04(5c2), Lewd or Lascivious Molestation; 827.03(3c), Child Neglect; and 827.04(1), Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor in Okaloosa County, Florida.

RDG

Signature (Arresting Officer) CHRISTMAS, MATTHEW S 179
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 22 day of March 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 3/22/2013 06:23	Residency Unknown	Injured None	Extent of Injury N/A	Resist No
		Arrested Prior Yes	Arrest Jurisdiction Within jurisdiction	Alcohol No
No.	Di Street	A/L	City	ST Zip
1200	E JAMES LEE BD		CRESTVIEW	FL 32539
Arresting Officer		Unit	(GEO) 1 - 5 - -	Officer Type
179	CHRISTMAS, MATTHEW S	OCSO/FSV/NORTH/BD/B-SHIFT		
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 None ROR/Sign
 Cash PTR
 Any
 Pro
 PrtIQ

Purge EXTRADITION FILE
 SC

Return Court: COUNTY COURT: MISDEMEAN Date: 4/23/2013 Time: 13:30
 Instructions: 101 E JAMES LEE BD, CRESTVIEW FL

[COURT INFORMATION]

Court	Judge	Date
Sent CIRCUIT		
Rcvd CIRCUIT	WARD	3/11/2013
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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