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**PRESS RELEASE**

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, announced today that an Okaloosa County jury convicted Christopher D. Williams as charged of Felony Battery With Great Bodily Harm.

Testimony at trial revealed that Williams approached a young girl outside a residence and was told to leave by the girl's mother as well as the landlord of the property. Although he initially walked away, he then approached the landlord again and the two got into an argument. Williams then punched the landlord in the face, knocking out several teeth and sending him to the ground. The victim's ankle broke as a result of being knocked to the ground. A witness called 911 and Williams fled the scene.

Sentencing has been scheduled for May 22, 2013 before Circuit Judge John T. Brown. The State has filed its intent to seek Prison Releasee Reoffender sentencing as well as Habitual Felony Offender sentencing. Williams faces a minimum mandatory sentence of five years in state prison and may be sentenced up to ten years for his crime.

The investigation was conducted by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Clifton Drake, and for further information, please contact him at (850) 651-7260.