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March 4, 2013

ONGOING TDC INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN ARRESTS OF TWO MEN ON GRAND THEFT CHARGES



Nathan Wilson

The OCSO's ongoing investigation into misuse of Tourist Development Funds by former TDC Director Mark Bellinger led to the arrest today of a Destin man on a charge of grand theft. In addition, a second grand theft warrant has been issued for a Pennsylvania resident.

39-year old Nathan Wilson of 4201 Two Trees Road in Destin is accused of accepting \$7000 in TDC funds in June 2012 to coordinate a long distance relay race called "Emerald Coast to Coast, Inc." The race never took place and investigators say the money has not been remitted to Okaloosa County. Wilson has also not provided any documentation to indicate the county funds were ever used legitimately for purposes described in the application. (Arrest report attached to news release online at OCSO Web Site).

A warrant for grand theft has also been issued for 84-year old Robert Boudreau of 550 Plains Church Road in Mars Pennsylvania. (**Probable cause narrative attached to news release online at OCSO Web site.**) OCSO investigators determined Boudreau, Music Director for the American Wind Symphony Orchestra, received \$25,000 in TDC funds for a concert or concerts that were to be held in Okaloosa County in June 2012. No concerts took place, but the total amount was paid by Okaloosa County through the Zimmerman Agency to the American Wind Symphony Orchestra in January 2012. Boudreau told investigators the concert was never performed because there was a "hospitality" problem, i.e. there was no local housing for the orchestra. He says he does not intend to return the money and after he had not heard from Bellinger for a period of time he thought the \$25,000 was a donation to the orchestra.

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ARREST REPORT

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REPORT NO: OCSO12ARR008531

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[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On 08/02/12, the defendant, Nathan Bert Gerald Wilson, violated Temporary Injunction for Protection Against Domestic Violence, Case # 2012DR003377, dated 07-30-2012 and signed by Circuit Judge Jack R. Heflin on the same day. The victim, Melissa Shawn Wilson, is the Petitioner. The defendant is the Respondent and was duly served on 07/30/12 at 6:58 PM. The injunction states, on Page 3, paragraph 2a, that the "Respondent shall not go to, in, or within 500 feet of the Petitioner's current address at 4201 Two Trees Rd #1617, Destin, FL."

On 08/02/12, I was dispatched to the parking lot of Jim & Nick's Restaurant, 14073 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, FL, in response to a report of a Violation of an Injunction for Protection against Domestic Violence. This parking lot is directly adjacent to the victim's residence at 4201 Two Trees Rd, Destin, FL. In a sworn Affidavit of Complaint, the victim said a neighbor saw the defendant walking in the parking lot across the street and staring up at the victim's residence. The victim then looked out the window and into the parking lot, observing the defendant's parked vehicle, a black Toyota pickup truck, WA Reg # A62996Z. In a separate sworn written statement, an independent witness said he observed the defendant walking across the parking lot adjacent to the victim's residence, looking up in the direction of the victim's condominium.

I observed the defendant's vehicle in the said parking lot, verifying through NLETS that the WA registration number as being registered to the defendant. I observed the defendant walking toward his vehicle from the GNC store. The defendant confirmed his identity both verbally and by providing me with his Florida driver's license. The defendant stated he was in the parking lot next to the victim's residence because he hoped to get a glimpse of his children. Utilizing a laser pointing measurement instrument, the distance between the defendant's vehicle to the victim's residence was 213 OCSO12ARR008531 Printed On: 8/16/2012 1:41:48 PM Page 1 of 3 VAFIDEA 8/2/2012 1:41:48 PM

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Based on my investigation, I believe the defendant did violate F.S.S. 741.31(4)(a)2 Violation of an injunction for protection against domestic violence by willfully going to, or being within 500 feet of the petitioner's residence. This offense did occur in Okaloosa County, Florida, where your affiant is a sworn Law Enforcement Officer.						
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REPORT NO: OCSO13ARR002058

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550 PLAINS CHURCH ROAD MARS PA 16046 Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: AMERICAN WIND SYMPHONY ORCHEST, Job Title: MAESTRO, Entered: 2/27/2013

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In August 2012 county officials reported \$25,000 of county funds were paid to the American Wind Symphony Orchestra (A.W.S.O.) for a concert or concerts that were supposed to be held in Okaloosa County Florida during the month June 2012, which were not.

Robert Austin Boudreau, the Music Director coordinated the intended concerts and received \$25,000 in county funds.

The A.W.S.O. invoiced Mark Bellinger and the Emerald Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau. The invoices are dated November 21, 2011: one for \$7,500 and one for \$17,500.

This money was in-turn invoiced by the Zimmerman Agency to Okaloosa County on invoice number OKL403A dated December 27, 2011. This invoice showed a payment of \$7,500 as a deposit and the balance due of \$17,500. The total amount of \$25,000 was paid by Okaloosa County through the Zimmerman Agency to the American Wind Symphony Orchestra (A.W.S.O.) on check number 87797 dated January 20, 2012.

On November 5, 2012, I conducted a telephone interview with a male who identified himself as Robert Boudreau. Boudreau said he communicated with Bellinger and Bellinger was "eager" to have the orchestra perform. Boudreau said the concert was never performed because there was a "Hospitality" problem; that was there was no local housing for the orchestra. Boudreau invoiced twice and received one payment of \$25,000. There was no correspondence with the check other than to say, "Here's the check". Boudreau said he does not intend to return the money. If this were intended as a donation it would not have been necessary to arrange housing for the musicians locally which appears to have been the reason the concert(s) didn't occur.

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On December 6, 2012, I received a reply to a subpoena duces tecum with information from Boudreau. The reply included a cover letter and copies of electronic mail communications. Boudreau stated Bellinger told him he loved the philosophy of the orchestra and he would help in any way he could. Boudreau received the money and after some time passed Boudreau hadn't heard from Bellinger so Boudreau thought the \$25,000 was a donation to the orchestra.

Based on the payment of the money and the facts presented herein above I have reason to believe and do believe Boudreau has committed a theft of \$25,000 in violation of F.S.S. 812.014 (2b). This incident occurred in Okaloosa County where I am a sworn law enforcement officer. Signature (Arresting Officer) Name D/SSN Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 4 day of March A.D., 2013 by who is personally known to me or has produced as identification. Notary Public LEO co Signature Commission No: My Commission Expires Date Supervisor Name (Please Print) Supervisor Signature Rank [PHYSICAL EVIDENCE] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED] [ARREST INFORMATION] Arrested Residency Injured Extent of Injury Resist Arrested Prior Arrest Jurisdiction Alcohol Drugs No. Di Street A/L City ST Zip Lat / Long (GEO) - - -Officer Type Arresting Officer Unit Reporting Officer Unit Original Offense Jurisdiction 069 HOISINGTON, JAMES H OCSO/FSV/INV/CID/DES ocso Forward to for approval OCSO/FSV/INV/CID Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00 () None ()ROR () Cash () Pro () ROR/Sign () None Bond Set by Judge \$5,000.00 () PTR (X) Cash

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