

# Sheriff



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September 14, 2013

## **FWB MAN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE**



The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has charged a Fort Walton Beach man with causing the injuries that placed an eight-week-old infant in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola.

At last word, the infant was unresponsive and given a slight chance of survival.

Deputies arrested 23-year old William Thomason of 328 Seminole Street this morning at his home on a charge of aggravated child abuse.

They'd been called to Fort Walton Beach Medical Center around 6:30 p.m. Friday regarding an eight-week-old girl with suspicious injuries who'd been brought to the emergency room by E-M-S. The baby had bruising, a broken collarbone, and severe head trauma and was taken by helicopter to the Pediatric I-C-U at Sacred Heart where doctors say her chance of survival is "slight".

Thomason told deputies he was the only person with the victim during the time period between when she was left in his care and the injuries were discovered. He gave deputies several scenarios about how the injuries may have occurred, including that the infant may have hit her head on the faucet while he was giving her a bath.

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ARREST REPORT

REPORT NO: OCSO13ARR009556

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO13OFF010231	Other No OCSO13CAD149981	OBTS
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[ SUSPECT ]

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Hgt</u>	<u>Wgt</u>
THOMASON	WILLIAM	ALAN		W	M	4/9/1990	23	5'10"	155
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>MNI Number</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>LD No</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u>		
BLU	BRO	OCSO05MNI000558			FL	E	173129		

Birth Location: City: HURLBURT AFB County: OKALOOSA State: FLORIDA Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES

Address

328 SEMINOLE ST FT WALTON BEACH FL 32547

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: THOMSON WELL DRILLING, Job Title: LABOR, Entered: 8/31/2010

Suite:

Business: THOMASON WELL DRILLING, Job Title: LABOR, Phone: (850)862-4613 Entered: 6/24/2008

Suite:

Business: , Job Title: UNEMPLOYED, Entered: 2/12/2008

Suite:

Business: THOMASON WELL DRILLING, Job Title: LABOR, Entered: 9/25/2007

Suite:

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: , Entered: 5/3/2007

Suite:

Business: STAFFS RESTAURANT, Job Title: , Entered: 7/21/2006

24 SE MIRACLE STRIP PW Suite: FORT WALTON BEACH FL 32548

Business: CHOCTAW H.S., Job Title: STUDENT, Entered: 1/7/2005

110 NW RACETRACK RD Suite: FORT WALTON BEACH FL 32548

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

, BILLY

Street Names

BILLY

[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]

Occurred Date Range: 9/13/2013 16:00 to 9/13/2013 18:28 Lat / Long 30.45531 / -86.63206

No.	Di	Street	Apt/Lot	City	ST	Zip	(GEO)
328		SEMINOLE ST		FORT WALTON BEAC	FL	32548	2 - 17 - -

[ CHARGES ]

827.03.2a

CRUELTY TOWARD CHILD

AGGRAVATE CHILD ABUSE

<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>
1	Felony	First	Facilitate	9000		3802	

[ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

On September 13, 2013, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the Fort Walton Beach Medical Center regarding an eight (8) week old infant, [REDACTED] (Victim) who was brought into the Emergency Room by Okaloosa County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS). The victim had sustained several injuries which were suspicious in nature. The injuries included bruising on the victim's left leg, chest and neck and a fractured right clavicle. There was also clear and distinct visual evidence of petechia on the victim's neck and in both her eyes. In addition, the victim had sustained severe head trauma including bi-lateral retinal hemorrhaging.

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These injuries are consistent "Shaken Baby with sudden impact".

[redacted] Jessica Bias, was also at the hospital and voluntarily provided a sworn written statement to deputies. Per Jessica Bias, she [redacted] reside at 328 Seminole Street with her boyfriend of two (2) years, William (Billy) Thomason (Defendant), who is also [redacted] Around 12:45pm on September 13, 2013, Jessica departed the home with the defendant's grandmother, Barbara Thomason, leaving the victim in the care of the Defendant. Around 4:30pm, Jessica and Barbara returned home. The victim was not acting normally and was unable to hold her head up. Per Jessica, the victim's eyes were "rolled in the back of her head". Jessica also noticed some injuries on the victim that were not there before she departed the residence. She questioned the defendant about what happened to the victim and he denied knowing anything about her injuries.

Jessica Bias called Okaloosa County 911 services at 4:53pm. OCEMS responded to the scene and transported the victim to the FWBMC at which time the Department of Children and Families Services Child Protection Team and OCSO deputies responded.

Your Affiant was notified and conducted non-custodial recorded interviews with Jessica Bias and Barbara Thomason at the FWBMC where they confirmed the above facts. It was learned that the defendant was not at the hospital and was still at 328 Seminole Street.

Contact was made with the defendant at 328 Seminole Street and a non-custodial recorded interview was conducted with him. The defendant admitted he had been left alone with the victim between 12:45pm and 4:30pm. He also stated that no one else was with the victim other than him during that time. The defendant presented several of what he called "scenarios" of how the victim's injuries possibly occurred. He stated the dog was possibly responsible for inflicting the victim's injuries. The defendant then stated that the victim could have sustained her injuries when he was giving her a bath in the bathroom sink and that she may have struck her head on the faucet spout. He was shown several pictures which the Department of Children and Families took of the victim's injuries, to which he stated he observed the bruise to the lip the day before and that he noticed the petechia when he bathed her. The bruising to the right side of the neck and the red marks to the leg he had not observed.

The victim is currently in PICU at Sacred Heart in critical condition. As of 2:00am on September 14, 2013, the victim was unresponsive and pupils were fixed; they advised that survivability was slight.

Based on the above facts and evidence, the defendant knowingly or willfully abused 8 [redacted] and in so doing caused great bodily harm which will likely lead to permanent disability or permanent disfigurement in the event of survival. This offense is in violation of F.S.S. 827.03(2a) Aggravated Child Abuse and occurred within Okaloosa County, Florida where your affiant is a sworn law enforcement officer.

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

Signature (Arresting Officer) JOINER, G RANDALL JR 071  
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 14 day of September 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ ARREST INFORMATION ]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury		Resist
:	<b>Within jurisdiction</b>				
		Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol	Drugs
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City	ST Zip Lat / Long
Arresting Officer			Unit	(GEO) - - -	Officer Type
<b>071 JOINER, G RANDALL JR</b>			<b>OCSO/FSV/INV/CID</b>		
Reporting Officer			Unit		Original Offense Jurisdiction
<b>071 JOINER, G RANDALL JR</b>			<b>OCSO/FSV/INV/CID</b>		<b>OCSO</b>
Forward to for approval					
<b>OCSO/FSV/SOUTH/AC/C-SHIFT</b>					

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

- None
- ROR
- Cash
- Pro

Bond Set by Judge	<input 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"/> Pt:IQ	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purge	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> SC	_____	

Return Court: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

[ 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>
		<b>No</b>
<u>Released To</u>		
<u>Court Disposition Type</u>	<u>Court Disposition Description</u>	

[ ADDITIONAL PERSONS ]

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COURT DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

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No Bill / Petition     Issue Warrant     Prosecution Approved

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Assistant State Attorney

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Date