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January 23, 2013

MARY ESTHER TEEN CHARGED IN BASEBALL BAT ATTACK



The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has charged a Mary Esther teenager with aggravated battery after he struck a man in the head with a baseball bat during an altercation.

18-year old Darrell Wayne Hopkins of 499 Cypress Street is accused of getting into an argument with Northern Pine Road homeowner Joseph Birr on January 11th. Investigators say Hopkins drove his car to West Ponderosa Road, then he, 32-year old

Derek Griese, and another teen went back to 115 Northern Pine to fight with Birr. Birr meantime had gone into his home and gotten two baseball bats. He was hit from behind and fell to the ground, dropping the bats. Hopkins then picked up one of the bats and used it to strike 36-year old Luke McEwan of 114 Northern Pine Road, who had come to Birr's aid. McEwan suffered a head injury and spent four days in the hospital.

Hopkins was arrested January 21st.

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REPORT NO: OCSO14ARR000688

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO14OFF000358	Other No OCSO14CAD006254	OBTS 4601095841
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[SUSPECT]

Last First Middle Title Race Sex DOB Age Hgt Wgt
HOPKINS DARRELL WAYNE W M 5/25/1995 18 5'08" 150

Eyes Hair MNI Number SSN ID No St Type OCA/Agency ID
BRO BRO OCSO06MNI003733 [REDACTED] FL ID 196205

Birth Location: City: SAVENNE County: State: TEXAS Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES Address

499 CYPRESS ST MARY ESTHER FL 32569

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: SELF EMPLOYED, Job Title: LANDSCAPING, Entered: 7/30/2013 KIRBY TX

Business: GS GELLATO, Job Title: ORDER TAKER, Entered: 2/24/2013

Business: RUN A WAY, Job Title: , Entered: 6/26/2012

Business: CHS, Job Title: , Entered: 2/7/2012

Business: CHS, Job Title: STUDENT, Entered: 1/4/2012

Business: WRIGHT ELEM, Job Title: STUDENT, Entered: 2/23/2006 Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

HOPKINS, DARRELL WAYNE 5/25/1995

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range: 1/11/2014 22:50 to 1/11/2014 22:58 Lat / Long 30.46422 / -86.63341

No.	Di	Street	Apt/Lot	City	ST	Zip	(GEO)
115		NORTHERN PINE RD		FORT WALTON BEAC	FL	32547	2 - 15 - -

[CHARGES]

784.045.

AGGRAV BATTERY

AGGRAVATED BATTERY

<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	Second	Principal	130A		1318	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On 1/11/2014, at approximately 2200 hours Anthony Fannin, Gabriella Reichlin-Powley, Aaron Olmstead, William Martin and Kaitlin Kestner were riding in Katelin Kestner's white 2005 Ford Escape bearing Florida tag BVWV96, which was traveling east on Northern Pine Road en route to Aaron Olmstead's residence at 1524 West Ponderosa Road, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa County Florida. Joseph Birr stopped the vehicle in the roadway in front of his residence, 115 Northern Pines Blvd, and a verbal argument ensued. Kestner drove around Birr and drove the vehicle to 1508 West Ponderosa Road. Darrell Hopkins and [REDACTED] got out of the vehicle and proceed back to 115 Northern Pine Road to fight with Birr. As [REDACTED] and Hopkins approached the residence, Birr exited his residence with two baseball bats. As Birr was confronting [REDACTED] and Hopkins, Derek Griese came onto Birr's property, approached Birr from behind and struck him in the head, knocking Birr to the ground. As a result, Birr dropped the baseball bats he was carrying. [REDACTED] and Hopkins proceeded onto Birr property and picked up and armed themselves with the bats. Luke McEwen, who was in a guest at Birr's residence, came out to assist Birr and confronted [REDACTED] and Hopkins. As McEwen confronted [REDACTED] and Hopkins, Hopkins hit McEwen in the head with the bat he had armed himself with.

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Luke McEwen suffered fractures to his skull and a leg injury form the confrontation. McEwen was taken to Fort Walton Beach Medical Center, 1000 Mar Walt Drive, Fort Walton Beach Florida. McEwen spent two day in Intensive Care (ICU) due to bleeding and swelling from his head injury. McEwen was then transferred to a regular room for observation, McEwen was released from the hospital on 1/15/2014.

In a post Miranda interview Hopkins admitted he proceeded to 115 Northern Pine Road with the intent to fight Birr and McEwen, and during the confrontation he hit McEwen in the head with the baseball bat Birr had dropped. This was also confirmed by Anthony Fannin's statements.

Based on the aforementioned information I have reason to believe and do believe Darrell Hopkins violated F.S.S. F.S.S. 784.045 aggravated battery. This incident occurred in Okaloosa County Florida where your Affiant is a sworn Law Enforcement Officer.

Signature (Arresting Officer) _____ SNEDDON, MICHAEL RAY 266
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 23 day of January A.D., 2014 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 _____

[PHYSICAL EVIDENCE] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ARREST INFORMATION]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist			
1/21/2014 17:42	Within jurisdiction	None	N/A	No			
	Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol	Drugs			
	Yes	Within jurisdiction	No	No			
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City	ST	Zip	Lat / Long
1940		LEWIS TURNER BD		FORT WALTON BEAC	FL	32547	
Arresting Officer	Unit		(GEO)	2 - 19 - PG40 - K-37 Officer Type			
266 SNEDDON, MICHAEL RAY	OCSO/ADMINSERV/COURTSEC/DETENTION						
Reporting Officer	Unit		Original Offense Jurisdiction				
095 EVANS, MICHAEL K	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

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None ROR/Sign
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 Any
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 PtIQ
 Purge UNSERVED
 SC _____

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 3/4/2014 Time: 15:30
 Instructions: 1940 LEWIS TURNER BLVD

[COURT INFORMATION]

Court	Judge	Date
Sent		
Rcvd FELONY	GRINSTED	1/21/2014
Court Case Number 14-000368		

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>
		<u>No</u>
<u>Released To</u>		
<u>Court DispositionType</u>	<u>Court Disposition Description</u>	

[ADDITIONAL PERSONS]

COURT DISPOSITION: _____

(right index)

No Bill / Petition
 Issue Warrant
 Prosecution Approved

Signature of Assistant State Attorney Date

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