

Sheriff



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May 15, 2014

OCSO STING OPERATION NETS TWO IN CRAIGSLIST BOAT TRAILER SCHEME



Okaloosa County Sheriff's Investigators conducted a successful "sting" operation May 14th in connection with a scheme that involved the theft of local boat trailers. 42-year old Roger Dale Belcher of Niceville and 34-year old Michelle D. Glass of Defuniak Springs are charged with Grand Theft and Dealing in Stolen Property.

During the investigation it was discovered that Belcher and Glass were traveling throughout Okaloosa County photographing boat trailers, which belonged to unsuspecting victims. The two then used the photos to advertise the trailers as their own, for sale on the internet website "Craigslist". The two suspects would answer Craigslist inquiries as "Scott or Rick Black", and negotiate the sale of these trailers.

During the controlled operation, investigators answered one of Belcher and Glass' Craigslist ads and negotiated for the purchase of a trailer which they did not own. While conducting surveillance, investigators observed Belcher and Glass arrive at an area where the trailer was stored, then watched as the suspects cut the lock which was in place to prevent the theft of the trailer. Belcher and Glass provided the communicating investigator with a meet location to finalize the transaction. They were taken into custody. The investigation continues.

(Arrest reports are attached to the release.)

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ARREST REPORT

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REPORT NO: OCSO14ARR005103

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO14OFF005415	Other No OCSO14CAD085547	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>
BELCHER	ROGER	DALE	JR	W	M	2/25/1972	42	5'07"	175
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>MNI Number</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>ID. No.</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u>		
BLU	BLN	OCSO99MNI052876			FL	E	197959/2141419		

Birth Location: City: ATLANTA County: State: GA Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES
Address

862 SATSUMA NICEVILLE FL 32578

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: RDB PAINTING AND REMOLDING, Job Title: SELF EMPLOYED, Entered: 5/16/2013

Business: SELF EMPLOYED, Job Title: PAINTER, Entered: 4/16/2004

Suite:

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: , Entered: 2/11/2004

Suite:

Business: SELF, Job Title: , Phone: (850)855-9118 Entered: 2/3/2004

Suite:

Business: SELF-EMPLOYED, Job Title: PAINTER, Entered: 11/12/1999

Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

BELCHER, PIN ROD

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range:	5/14/2014 21:42 to 5/14/2014 21:42	Lat / Long	30.39707 / -86.48365
No.	Di Street	Apt/Lot City	ST Zip (GEO)
	MAIN ST	DESTIN	FL 32541 3 - 25 - -

[CHARGES]

812.014.2c6

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[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On May 14, 2014 Deputy Sheriff Mitch Landis contacted your Affiant in reference to several boat trailer thefts that have been occurring in the Destin, Florida area. Deputy Landis had been investigating two different boat trailer thefts from Century Park Condos, located at 3857 Indian Trail, when he developed a possible suspect, Roger BELCHER. BELCHER was then positively identified by photo lineup in that case. While Deputy Landis was conducting his investigation on that case, he was contacted by Mr. Roy Lee Hewett. Mr. Hewett owns a condo at Century Park and also parks his empty boat trailer in the same parking lot. The boat trailer is identified as a 2013 Rocket International Inc. galvanized trailer, bearing FL# CECP53. Mr. Hewett advised Deputy Landis that there was an Ad on Craigslist that showed his trailer for sale for \$800. Mr. Hewett advised he was not selling his boat trailer and did not give anyone permission to sell it, however Craigslist showed pictures of his trailer parked in its spot at Century Park.

Deputy Landis then responded to the Craigslist Ad, by text message, to 850-333-3615 posing as a buyer for the trailer. Deputy Landis got a response and was told the trailer is for sale and the seller could meet Deputy Landis.

Surveillance was established on the boat trailer, still parked at Century Park. At approximately 2040 hours, a subject

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resembling BELCHER came through the bushes of the apartment complex next door with something that resembled bolt cutters. BELCHER possibly spotted the surveillance deputy and departed in a black Dodge Neon, bearing FL# 406PBF. The boat trailer had a lock on the hitch and it was confirmed still in place. Surveillance was established on the black Dodge Neon for the 40 minutes as the Dodge Neon returned to Century Park, even driving through the parking lot with no headlights on. Surveillance also confirmed a white female was driving the Neon and BELCHER was the passenger. The driver was later identified as Michelle GLASS. At approximately 2124 hours, GLASS and BELCHER returned to the victim's boat trailer parked at Century Park. The Neon had no headlights on and pulled up to in front of the victim's boat trailer. BELCHER was observed getting out of the passenger seat, retrieving bolt cutters from the trunk, and approaching the boat trailer. BELCHER returned the bolt cutters to the trunk and departed in the Dodge Neon. After departing this time, it was confirmed the lock had now been cut off the victim's boat trailer at 2126 hours. While surveillance was continued on GLASS and BELCHER, Deputy Landis was conversing with BELCHER on text messages to coordinate buying the boat trailer. A controlled phone call was placed to BELCHER and stated he wanted to meet Deputy Landis at the Texaco on Main Street and Airport Road in Destin. Surveillance was established and GLASS and BELCHER were observed parked on the west side of the gas station. GLASS and BELCHER then departed the store and a traffic stop was initiated.

Post Miranda, GLASS initially denied knowledge of the incident or what was going on with the boat trailer. GLASS later admitted she knew BELCHER had placed the bogus Ad on Craigslist to the sell the trailer and that the trailer did not belong to BELCHER. GLASS also provided information on BELCHER committing these same crimes with boat trailers at other locations and posting these Ads and pictures from his phone, as well as hers.

Post Miranda, BELCHER was very limited in what information he was providing, but stated if we let GLASS go, that he would give a full confession to the thefts and other illegal activities. BELCHER did admit to the theft of the trailer from a previous incident as well as small admissions of guilt related to other boat trailer thefts. BELCHER showed no interest in assisting Law Enforcement in retrieving some of the stolen trailers. Your Affiant attempted to get BELCHER to provide information so the boat trailers could get recovered, however he stated the victim's probably had insurance and that "I don't give a [REDACTED] about them, I took their trailer."

The victim had advised verbally to Deputy Landis he wished to pursue charges and stated he had not given anyone permission to sell his boat trailer. Your Affiant is in the process of obtaining a Sworn Affidavit of Complaint from the victim, who currently resides out of state.

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) _____ WATKINS, J TODD Name 063 ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 15 day of May A.D., 2014 by _____ who is personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Signature _____ Notary Public _____ LEO _____ CO

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- 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
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 Eyes BLU Hair RED MNI Number OCSO14MNI005630 SSN [REDACTED] I.D. No. St Type OCA/Agency ID

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