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November 30, 2014

MARY ESTHER MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER AND RESISTING ARREST



A Mary Esther man admitted to killing his 65-year old mother inside their Avon Lane home early Sunday morning.

42-year old Michael Watkins is now charged with murder and resisting arrest without violence.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office was called to a home on Avon Lane around 2:48 Sunday morning in reference to a criminal mischief call. A homeowner said someone was in her front yard

knocking over Christmas decorations and yelling. She told a responding deputy that she believed the man was a neighbor from 435 Avon Lane. When the deputy went to that address, the front door was open and he could see a female slouched over on a couch with arrows in her head.

Michael Watkins then came out of the house with a sheathed knife in his waistband. Deputies trying to take him into custody had to deploy their Tasers twice. Watkins gave an OCSO investigator various reasons why he killed his mother, 65-year old Gloria Watkins.

An autopsy will be conducted by the Medical Examiner's Office.

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IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL OFFICIENT IN AND FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARREST REPORT OCSO14ARR012339 REPORT NO: Jail Booking No Offense No Other No OBTS OCSO140FF014390 OCSO14CAD216209 [SUSPECT] Last <u>Middle</u> Title Race Sex DOB <u>First</u> <u>Age Hgt</u> <u>Wgt</u> WATKINS MICHAEL DAVID W M 7/4/1972 42 511 160 <u>Eyes Hair</u> MNI Number I.<u>D. No</u> StType OCA/Agency ID Ε BRO BRO OCSO00MNI017562 FL 204644 Birth Location: City: County: State: FLORIDA Nation: Citizenship: Address 435 AVON LN MARY ESTHER FL 32569 Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First) Business: , Job Title: UNEMPLOYED, Entered: 3/6/2009 Suite: Business: HUNGRY HOWIES, Job Title: , Entered: 4/26/2001 Suite: Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB) 7/12/1972 WATSON, MICHAEL 7/4/1972 Street Names * none found in MNI * [INCIDENT INFORMATION] numed Data Dange: 11/30/2014 02.48 to 11/20/2014 02.48 Let (Level 20 41517 / 86 64070

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1	Misdemeanor	First	Principal	9000		4801	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On November 30, 2014 at approximately 0248 hours deputy sheriffs from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office responded to 415 Avon Lane, in the city of Mary Esther, in reference to a disturbance. The caller stated a white male knocked over their Christmas decorations and was yelling at another unknown person. The caller told responding deputies the male resides next door at 435 Avon Lane and they could hear an argument between two people after they called.

Deputy Brandon Jennings proceeded to 435 Avon Lane and, while approaching the front door, observed a deceased female victim inside the residence, slumped forward in a chair with arrows sticking out of her head. The victim was later identified as 65 year old Gloria Watkins. While Deputy Jennings waited for back up units, he observed a male inside the residence, later identified as the defendant Michael David WATKINS. WATKINS exited the residence, with a large knife on his belt, and was ordered to the ground. WATKINS initially complied, however, got back up and entered the residence. WATKINS picked up a small dog by the front door and immediately exited again. WATKINS was pointing at the victim inside the residence and stating, "You see that, that's death," adding he had to kill her because she was trying to kill him. WATKINS was given numerous commands to get on the ground, however was not complying. WATKINS

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eventually complied with orders and got on the ground, however, WATKINS then stood back up and retrieved the large knife from the sheath. WATKINS held the knife in his right hand, before throwing it to the side. WATKINS then physically resisted efforts of deputies trying to secure him in handcuffs and a TASER was deployed. Upon the five second cycle, WATKINS continued his efforts to resist and a second TASER was deployed. WATKINS was then successfully detained.

While on scene, WATKINS made spontaneous statements that he had to kill the victim, because she was going to kill him first. Watkins continued these utterances while traveling to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Booking facility and while at the facility.

Your Affiant advised WATKINS of his Miranda Warnings, to which he stated he understood. Your Affiant conducted a recorded interview with WATKINS, in which he admitted to killing the victim. WATKINS was asked if he knew why he was here, to which he stated, "Yeah, I shot my fucking mom." WATKINS identified the victim as his mother, Gloria Watkins. WATKINS gave different reasons for killing the victim. WATKINS stated the victim stole his diamonds and also gave his father cancer. WATKINS stated he shot the victim three times in the head. WATKINS also stated he shot the victim with a handgun, then a bow and arrow, and then stabbed her with a knife. WATKINS stated he knows he killed the victim and was not remorseful.

Based on the evidence at the scene, the Defendant own utterances at the scene and booking facility that he had to kill his mother and his statement to me after advisement of his Rights per Miranda Warning, I have reason to believe the Defendant, Michael David Watkins, did commit the offenses of Murder and Resisting Officers without Violence. These offenses did occur within Okaloosa County, Florida.

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)	MATZ, KEITH A Name	-	064 ID/SSN	
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me thi	s 30 day of November A.D.,	2014 by		
who is personally known to me or has produced		as identification.		
Signature	Notary Public	LEO	CO	
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