

# Sheriff



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## **FOUR CHARGED FOLLOWING DISTURBANCE AT LOCAL TREATMENT CENTER**

Four teens ranging in age from thirteen to seventeen face numerous charges following a disturbance at a facility on Mar Walt Drive.

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office deputies were called to the Gulf Coast Treatment Center shortly before midnight September 14<sup>th</sup>. They say four female teens had gone into other juveniles' rooms in an attempt to incite a riot and organize an escape. The girls are then accused of verbally abusing and physically battering staff members, including pulling a 72-year old registered nurse's hands off a phone and pushing her into an office.

The juveniles broke the secured center's door and fled, but all four were located by OCSO deputies and arrested.

A thirteen year old, fourteen year old, and two seventeen year olds face charges of causing a riot in a detention facility, battery on detention staff, criminal mischief over \$1000 and escape from a residential commitment facility.

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