

# Sheriff



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April 6, 2015



## **RECKLESS DRIVER CRASHES INTO CAR, BUSINESS AND BUSHES IN DESTIN**

A Santa Rosa County man faces a half dozen charges in connection with what started as a hit and run traffic accident in Destin Saturday night.

35-year old Christopher Allen Garner of Pace is charged with leaving the scene of an accident with property damage, reckless driving, DUI (3<sup>rd</sup> offense within 10 years), refusal to submit to chemical test (2<sup>nd</sup> offense), driving with a license suspended or revoked, resisting arrest without violence.

Witnesses say Garner was coming out of a parking lot near 104 Highway 98 around 7:20 p.m. April 4<sup>th</sup> when

he accelerated recklessly, lost control of his truck, went up onto the sidewalk at AJ's Oyster Bar, and hit a car stopped at the exit. Damage to the car was estimated at approximately \$4000. No one was hurt. Garner kept going across a break in the median and drove eastbound in the westbound lane before careening across Highway 98 and hitting the side of the building housing Scuba Tech at 301 Highway 98. Damage to the building is estimated at \$5000.

Garner then reversed and took off onto Mountain Drive but lost control of the truck again due to the front right tire being disabled. He ran into a ditch, destroyed shrubbery and knocked over a tree on Mountain Drive, causing approximately \$1000 damage there. Witnesses chased after the truck and prevented Garner from running from the scene. He was taken to Fort Walton Beach Medical Center after complaining of an injury. Deputies found an open bottle of Skinny Girl vodka inside the truck. Garner refused to provide a blood sample but deputies say his eyes were bloodshot and glassy, he slurred his words, and there was a strong odor of alcohol. While being treated at the hospital and while a deputy was getting paperwork, Garner ran out of the hospital but was quickly taken back into custody.

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

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ARREST REPORT

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

REPORT NO: OCSO15ARR003198

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO15OFF003998	Other No OCSO15CAD059608	OBTS
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[ SUSPECT ]

Last                      First                      Middle                      Title Race Sex DOB                      Age Hgt Wgt  
**GARNER**                      **CHRISTOPHER**                      **ALLEN**                                           **W** **M** **7/16/1979**                      **35** **511** **185**  
Eyes Hair MNI Number                      SSN                      ID. No.                      St Type                      OCA/Agency ID  
**BLU** **BRO** **OCSO01MNI014758**                                                                 **FL** **E**                      **206734**

Birth Location: City: BILOXI County: State: MISSISSIPPI Nation: U.S.A. Citizenship: U.S.  
 Address

5308 YANCY DRIVE PACE FL 32571

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: UNKNOWN, Entered: 4/4/2015

Business: ODYSSEY MARINE, Job Title: BOAT CAPT, Entered: 7/12/2014  
 Suite: LAROSE LA

Business: ABDON OFFSHORE, Job Title:, Entered: 2/25/2011  
 Suite: LA

Business: INTERNATIONAL MARINE, Job Title: BOAT CAPTAIN, Entered: 10/22/2008  
 Suite:

Business: NEW FLORIDA GIRL, INC, Job Title: CAPTAIN, Entered: 7/27/2007  
 Suite:

Business: OFF SHORE, Job Title: BOAT CAPTAIN, Phone: 850 Entered: 10/16/2001  
 Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

GARNER, CHRIS

Street Names

\* none found in MNI \*

[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]

Occurred Date Range: 4/4/2015 19:00 to 4/4/2015 19:00 Lat / Long  
 No. Di Street Apt/Lot City ST Zip (GEO)  
 301 HARBOR BD DESTIN FL 32541 3 - 25 - -

[ CHARGES ]

316.061.

HIT AND RUN

LEAVE SCENE ACCIDENT INVOLVING DAMAGE TO PROP

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Misdemeanor	Second	Principal	9000		5401	

316.192.1a

MOVING TRAFFIC VIOL

RECKLESS DRIVING 1ST OFF

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Misdemeanor	Second	Principal	9000		5405	

316.193.2b

TRAFFIC OFFENSE

DUI ALCOHOL OR DRUGS 3RD VIOL W/IN 10 YEARS

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Third	Principal	5400		5499	

316.1939.1e

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

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REFUSED TO SUBMIT A CHEMICAL OR PHYSICAL TEST FOR 2ND TIME

<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	Misdemeanor	First	Principal	5400			

322.34.10b1

MOVING TRAFFIC VIOL

DRIVE WITH SUSPENDED REVOKED LICENSE

<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	Misdemeanor	Second	Principal	9000		5405	

843.02.

RESIST OFFICER

OBSTRUCT WO VIOLENCE

<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	Misdemeanor	First	Principal	9000		4801	

[ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

On 04/04/15, at approximately 1850 hours, the defendant was operating his vehicle and was exiting a parking lot near near 104 US Highway 98 to proceed eastbound onto US Highway 98. The defendant recklessly accelerated out of this parking lot onto Highway 98 and lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle traveled off the roadway and onto the sidewalk and entrance to AJ's Oyster Bar, subsequently striking a vehicle that was stopped at the exit of the business parking lot of 116 US Highway 98. The defendant failed to stop after striking the vehicle and proceeded eastbound on US Highway 98.

The damage to the vehicle was approximately \$4,000.

The defendant then proceeded driving his vehicle recklessly across a break in the median and proceeded eastbound in a westbound turn lane, driving on the grass median causing damage to the grass in the median. The vehicle continued eastbound in the westbound lane, before careening across westbound US Highway 98 and striking the side of Scuba Tech located at 301 US Highway 98. The building was located on the northeast corner of the intersection of US Highway 98 / Marler Street.

The damage to the building and items located outside the building was approximately \$5,000.

The vehicle reversed and exited the parking lot of 301 US Highway 98 and proceeded northbound on Marler Street. The vehicle reached the intersection of Mountain Drive and proceeded to turn right eastbound onto Mountain Drive. The defendant lost control of the vehicle due to disabling the front right tire and traveled into a ditch in front of 300 Mountain Drive. The vehicle destroyed shrubbery and knocked over a tree when it careened into the ditch.

The damage to the grassy median on US Highway 98, the shrubbery, and tree in front of 300 Mountain Drive was approximately \$1,000.

Several independent witnesses observed the incident and chased after the truck on foot as it fled northbound on Marler Street. Several witnesses observed the defendant in the driver's seat and removed the defendant to prevent him from leaving the scene again as several OCSO deputies arrived on scene.

The defendant was taken into custody and was transported to Fort Walton Beach Medical Center due to a complaint of injury after the crash.

While at the crash scene, the defendant's eyes were blood shot and glassy and he was slurring his words. A strong odor of alcohol was emitting from inside his vehicle and an open bottle of Skinny Girl Vodka was located inside the vehicle.

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While in custody at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center, the defendant was read a blood test implied consent warning due to the observations of the defendant at the scene. He refused to provide a blood sample. A check of the defendant's driving history revealed a prior refusal to submit to chemical test on 07/12/2014, making this his second refusal.

A check of the defendant's driving history also revealed he was found guilty of DUI on 11/28/2007, and again on 11/20/2014. The defendant's driver's license was also revoked on 11/20/2014, for six months and a notice was provided on 12/22/2014.

While being treated at the Fort Walton Beach Medical Center and while the supervising deputy was retrieving paperwork, the defendant ran out of the medical center on foot without escort of the OCSO patrol deputy. A short foot pursuit ensued, before the defendant was located and taken into custody.

Based upon my investigation and statements by independent witnesses, I have reason to believe and do believe the defendant, Christopher Garner, did violate F.S.S. 316.061- Leaving the scene of a crash involving property damage, F.S.S. 316.192(1)(a)- Reckless driving, F.S.S. 316.193(2)(b)- DUI ( 3rd offense within 10 years ), F.S.S. 316.1939(1)(e)- Refusal to submit to chemical test ( 2nd offense ), F.S.S. 322.34.(10)(b)(1)- Drivers license suspended/revoked, and F.S.S. 843.02- Resist/Obstruct law enforcement officer without violence . This offense did occur in Okaloosa County, Florida, where I am 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) \_\_\_\_\_ CORBITT, KYLE L Name 230 ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 6 day of April A.D., 2015 by \_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ CO

Commission No: \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ ARREST INFORMATION ]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist
4/4/2015 19:00	Within jurisdiction	Arrestee	Minor (treated in hospital)	Yes
		Arrested Prior	Alcohol	Drugs
		Yes	Yes	Unknown
No.	Di Street	A/L City	ST Zip	Lat / Long
301	HARBOR BD	DESTIN	FL 32541	
Arresting Officer	Unit	(GEO)	3 - 25 - -	Officer Type
230 CORBITT, KYLE L	OCSO/FSV/EAST/BD/D-SHIFT/DES			
Reporting Officer	Unit			Original Offense Jurisdiction
230 CORBITT, KYLE L	OCSO/FSV/EAST/BD/D-SHIFT/DES			OCSO
Forward to for approval				
OCSO/FSV/EAST/BD/D-SHIFT/DES				

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

( ) None

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- Cash
- Pro

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| 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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|                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro  |                                   |
|                                | <input type="checkbox"/> PtIQ |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purge |                               |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SC    |                               |                                   |

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 5/5/2015 Time: 15:30  
 Instructions: OKALOOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX EXTENSION

[ 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>
		No

Released To

<u>Court Disposition Type</u>	<u>Court Disposition Description</u>
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[ ADDITIONAL PERSONS ]

COURT DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- No Bill / Petition    Issue Warrant    Prosecution Approved

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 Signature of Assistant State Attorney                      Date

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