

Sheriff



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December 4, 2015

OCISO THWARTS MARY ESTHER MAN'S CRAIGS LIST SCAM ATTEMPT



A Mary Esther man faces numerous charges after posting a Craig's List ad to sell a metal storage building on Lakeview Drive that he didn't own.

33-year old Devon Robert Baker of 415 West Pine Avenue is charged with dealing in stolen property, attempted grand theft, theft, false verification of ownership for regulated metals, and unlawful use of a two-way communications device.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office launched an investigation after finding out that a citizen interested in purchasing the metal building had made arrangements to exchange cashier's checks for a bill of sale; however upon researching the property, the prospective buyer discovered the real property owner/ victim's identity. When contacted, the property owner told deputies no one had permission to enter on, let alone sell his property from the vacant lot.

Baker admitted taking cell phone photos of the metal building to advertise for sale and to communicate with potential buyers. He also admitted to taking a riding lawn mower from the property and selling it.

Here's a link to some tips on how to avoid Craig's List Scams:

<https://www.craigslist.org/about/scams>

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ARREST REPORT

REPORT NO: OCSO15ARR011775

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO15OFF014857	Other No OCSO15CAD211159	OBTS 4601105677
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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>
BAKER	DEVON	ROBERT		W	M	3/14/1982	33	5'11"	180
<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>		
BRO	BRO	OCSO02MNI013283			FL		210922		

Birth Location: City: LAS ANGELES County: State: CA Nation: US Citizenship: USA
Address

415 W PINE Apt/Lot: 4 MARY ESTHER FL 32569

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: HOT SHOTS, Job Title: CLEAN TRAPS, Entered: 12/1/2015

Business: EXECUTIVE CAR WASH, Job Title: SALEMAN, Entered: 7/10/2007
Suite:

Business: CWS, Job Title: INSTALL WINDOWS, Entered: 12/27/2005
Suite:

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: , Entered: 4/20/2005
Suite:

Business: BIG KAHUNA'S, Job Title: , Phone: 8374061 Entered: 7/29/2002
Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

* none found in MNI *

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range:	12/1/2015 06:46 to 12/1/2015 06:46	Lat / Long	30.447187 / -86.577911
No.	Di Street	Apt/Lot City	ST Zip (GEO)
	LAKEVIEW STREET	MARY ESTHER	FL 32569 - 12 - -

[CHARGES]

538.23.3a

FRAUD-FALSE STATEMENT

VERIF OWNERSHIP REGULATED METALS UND 300 DOLS

<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		2607	

812.014.2c1

LARCENCY

THEFT IS \$300 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$5000

<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	Third	Attempt	230G		2399	

812.014.3a

LARC

PETIT 1ST OFF

<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	230G		2399	

812.019.2

STOLEN PROP-DEAL IN ORGANIZED

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2	Felony	First	Principal	2800		2806	

934.215.

PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES

USE 2 WAY COMM DEVICE TO FACIL FELONY

<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	Third	Principal	9000		7399	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

Your affiant believes the defendant (Devon Baker) committed theft, attempted grand theft, the unlawful use of a two-way communications device, false verification of ownership for regulated metals, and (2) counts of dealing in stolen property, to wit;

The defendant posted an advertisement on Craigslist offering to sell a Quonset hut for \$1,500. The defendant used his cellular telephone to broker a deal with the potential buyers and agreed to sell the Quonset hut for \$1,250. On 1 December 2015, the potential buyers contacted the property owner to ensure the Quonset hut was legitimately for sale. The property owner, in a sworn, written affidavit of complaint stated he did not give anyone permission to access or sell anything on his property located between lots 604 and 615 on Lakeview Street, Mary Esther, Florida. The potential buyers authorized the download of their cell phones which showed their attempted deal with the defendant via his phone number listed in the Sheriff's Office Master Name Index database.

Post Miranda, the defendant fully admitted to posting an advertisement on Craigslist offering the Quonset hut for sale, without permission of the owner, and brokered a deal to sell it for \$1,000. The defendant also informed me he removed a riding lawn mower from the property and sold it for \$22.20 on 4 November 2015 to Big Iron Environmental located at 41 Northwest Hollywood Boulevard, Fort Walton Beach, Florida. LeadsOnline confirmed this transaction and shows still frame photographs of the defendant, his thumb print, and a copy of his Florida driver's license. The defendant granted me permission to look in his backpack; in which I located the bill of sale for the Quonset hut he prepared for the potential buyer. The defendant admitted to drafting the bill of sale which listed the potential buyers' names. The defendant also admitted to using his cellular phone to take photos of the Quonset hut for the advertisement and to communicate with the potential buyers. The defendant granted permission via a signed consent form for the search of his cell phone. The property owner valued the lawn mower at \$50 and the Quonset hut at \$2,500.

Your affiant has reason to believe, and does believe, the defendant (Devon Baker) committed theft, contrary to Florida Statute 812.014(3)(a), attempted grand theft, contrary to Florida Statute 812.014(2)(c)(1), unlawful use of a two-way communications device, contrary to Florida Statute 934.215, false verification of ownership for regulated metals, contrary to Florida Statute 538.23(3)(a), and (2) counts of dealing in stolen property, contrary to Florida Statute 812.019(2). These offenses occurred in Okaloosa County, Florida, where your affiant is 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) **MILLER, JEREMY L** **234**
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 4 day of December 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 _____

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[PHYSICAL EVIDENCE] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ARREST INFORMATION]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist
12/1/2015 06:46	Within jurisdiction	None	N/A	No
	Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol	Drugs
	Yes	Within jurisdiction	Unknown	Unknown
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City
		LAKEVIEW STREET		MARY ESTHER
			ST	Zip
			FL	32569
			Lat / Long	
			30.41372 / -86.73851	
Arresting Officer		Unit	(GEO)	2 - 23 - PG47 - D-41 Officer Type
234 MILLER, JEREMY L		OCSO/FSV/INV/CID		
Reporting Officer		Unit		Original Offense Jurisdiction
234 MILLER, JEREMY L		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

Bond Set by Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> ROR/Sign
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> PTR
	<input type="checkbox"/> Any	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pro	
	<input type="checkbox"/> PtIQ	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purge	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> SC	_____	

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 1/5/2016 Time: 15:30
 Instructions: 1940 LEWIS TURNER BLVD

[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
<u>Released To</u>		
<u>Court DispositionType</u>	<u>Court Disposition Description</u>	

[ADDITIONAL PERSONS]

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COURT DISPOSITION: _____

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No Bill / Petition
 Issue Warrant
 Prosecution Approved

Signature of Assistant State Attorney

Date