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July 29, 2015

NAVARRE MAN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH OKALOOSA COUNTY SHOOTING, ADDITIONAL CHARGES PENDING



A Navarre man has been arrested in connection with a shooting in West Okaloosa County Tuesday that seriously injured a Fort Walton Beach man.

28-year old Dustin Cooper of 6627 Water Street is charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Investigators say Cooper shot 26-year old James Mills following a physical altercation at the home of Mill's ex-girlfriend at 813 Hilltop Road. She told deputies Mills came into the trailer uninvited and attacked Cooper after finding him hiding in a bedroom closet.

As Mills was leaving after the fight, Cooper fired a shot at him, hitting Mills in his motorcycle helmet and lower left portion of his face.

Mills was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola for treatment.

Investigators say additional charges are pending in connection with the case.

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OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ARREST REPORT
REPORT NO: OCSO15ARR007281

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO15OFF009438	Other No OCSO15CAD135207	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>
COOPER	DUSTIN	CHASE		W	M	4/17/1987	28	509	200
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>MNI Number</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>LD No</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u>		
HAZ	BRO	OCSO00MNI015875			FL	E	188190		

Birth Location: City: FT WALTON BCH County: OKALOOSA State: FLORIDA Nation: U.S.A. Citizenship: U.S.
Address

6627 WATER ST NAVARRE FL 32566

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

- Business: COOPERS DETAILING, Job Title: , Entered: 6/8/2011
- Business: COOPERS DETAILING, Job Title: OWNER, Phone: 850-217-7196 Entered: 2/18/2011
Suite:
- Business: , Job Title: UNEMPLOYED, Entered: 10/9/2007
Suite:
- Business: CHILIS, Job Title: SERVER, Entered: 6/18/2007
Suite:
- Business: , Job Title: UNEMPLOYED, Entered: 2/19/2007
Suite:
- Business: LEGENDARY MARINA, Job Title: ASSIT MANAGER, Phone: (850)337-8300 Entered: 10/29/2006
Suite:
- Business: AMERICAN MOVING COMPANY, Job Title: MOVER, Entered: 6/8/2006
Suite:
- Business: LEGENDARY MARINA, Job Title: DETAILER, Entered: 3/5/2006
Suite:
- Business: AMERICAN MOVING, Job Title: LABORER, Entered: 6/27/2005
Suite:
- Business: DJJ, Job Title: , Entered: 8/30/2004
Suite:
- Business: HOLIDAY INN, Job Title: WAITER, Entered: 2/3/2004
Suite:
- Business: CRAB ISLANDER, Job Title: WAITER, Entered: 2/2/2004
Suite:
- Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: , Entered: 1/4/2004
Suite:
- Business: EMERALD COAST MARINE INSTITUTE, Job Title: STUDENT, Entered: 2/12/2003
Suite:
- Business: HOME SCHOOL, Job Title: STUDENT, Phone: 850 Entered: 4/16/2002
Suite:
- Business: OKALOOSA YOUTH ACADEMY, Job Title: STUDENT, Entered: 1/29/2001
Suite:
- Business: PRYOR MIDDLE SCHOOL, Job Title: STUDENT, Entered: 8/8/2000
201 NW RACETRACK RD Suite: FORT WALTON BEACH FL 32548

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

* none found in MNI *

Street Names
COOP

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REPORT NO: OCSO15ARR007281

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range: 7/28/2015 13:27 to 7/28/2015 13:27 Lat / Long 30.41275 / -86.73564

No.	Di	Street	Apt/Lot	City	ST	Zip	(GEO)
813		HILLTOP ROAD		MARY ESTHER	FL	32569	2 - 23 - -

[CHARGES]

784.045.1A2

AGG BATT

PERSON USES A DEADLY WEAPON

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Second	Principal	130A		1318	

790.23.1a

POSSESS OF WEAPON

OR AMMO BY CONVICTED FLA FELON

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Second	Principal	9000		5212	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On 07-28-15, at approximately 1325 hours, Okaloosa County Deputies responded to 603 Skylark Avenue, Mary Esther, Florida, in reference to a shooting. Upon arrival, they made contact with the victim James Mills, who had been shot with a firearm in his face. Mills stated that he had been shot by Dustin Cooper while in front of another nearby residence, located at 813 Hilltop Road, Florida. Mills provided a more detailed statement to investigators once he arrived at Sacred Heart Medical Center, where he was life flighted to.

Deputies then responded to the scene of the incident, but defendant, Dustin Cooper had already fled the area in a silver in color Toyota RAV4. Cooper was later located at his residence, 6627 Water Street, Navarre, Florida by Santa Rosa County Deputies. Cooper had obviously been involved in a recent altercation, and after being detained, was transported by EMS to Gulf Breeze Medical Center, where he was treated and released from hospital care. While en route to the hospital, Cooper was read Miranda and invoked his right to legal counsel prior to providing a statement.

Victim, James Mills provided a detailed interview to Investigator Mike Smith while at Sacred Heart Medical Center. Mills stated that he went to Shena Sessum's residence (his ex-girlfriend), which is located at 813 Hilltop Road, Mary Esther, Florida. Mills stated that he went inside the house, and located Cooper hiding inside the bedroom closet. An altercation ensued in which both parties received some physical injuries, however, Mills had put Cooper in a "sleeper hold" which temporarily ended the altercation. While Mills attempted to depart the yard and retrieve his motorcycle, Cooper emerged from the residence. As Mills was departing on his motorcycle, he was approached by Cooper, who was now armed with a pistol. Cooper then fired at Mills, striking the front of his motorcycle helmet. The bullet went through a portion of Mills' helmet. The round entered Mills through an area just above his chin and exited through his left cheek area. According to Mills, Cooper told him prior to shooting, "You're dead Mother-fucker".

Witness, Shena Sessum advised after the altercation occurred inside the residence she and Mills were talking on the front porch when Cooper emerged from inside the residence. Sessum stated another physical altercation occurred between Cooper and Mills, at which time, Mills attempted to retrieve his motorcycle, which was parked a couple houses away. When Mills attempted to depart the area on his motorcycle, Sessum observed Cooper who was armed with a firearm approach Mills. Sessum stated she heard Cooper say "I'm going to kill you", at which time she ran back into the residence to call 9-1-1.

Based upon the above information, I have reason to believe and do believe the defendant, Dustin Chase Cooper, did violate F.S.S. 784.045(1)(a)(2), Aggravated Battery with a deadly weapon. In addition, Cooper is a convicted felon, and as such, violated F.S.S. 790.23(1)(a), Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in this state. These offenses did occur 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.

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Signature (Arresting Officer) UPTMOR, PATRICK J Name 069 ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 29 day of July 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 7/28/2015 18:30 Residency Within state Injured Arrestee Extent of Injury Minor (treated in hospital) Resist No
Arrested Prior Yes Arrest Jurisdiction Within state Alcohol Unknown Drugs Yes
No. 1040 Di Street GULF BREEZE PARKWAY A/L City GULF BREEZE ST FL Zip 32561 Lat / Long 30.41275 / -86.73564
Arresting Officer 069 UPTMOR, PATRICK J Unit OCSO/FSV/INV/CID (GEO) - - - Officer Type
Reporting Officer 069 UPTMOR, PATRICK J Unit OCSO/FSV/INV/CID Original Offense Jurisdiction 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 () None () ROR/Sign
() Cash () PTR
() Any
() Pro
() PtIQ

- ()Purge
()SC

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 9/8/2015 Time: 15:30
Instructions: OKALOOSA COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX EXT

[DISPOSITION]

Disposition Type Release Type Other Desc

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Release Date Release Time Release Officer

Printed Printed By
No

Released To

Court DispositionType

Court Disposition Description

[ADDITIONAL PERSONS]

COURT DISPOSITION:

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- No Bill / Petition Issue Warrant Prosecution Approved

Signature of Assistant State Attorney

Date

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