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# PENSACOLA MAN FACES AGGRAVATED STALKING CHARGE AFTER THREATENING WITNESS



A Pensacola man with a pending trial in Santa Rosa County for aggravated battery is now accused of threatening the victim in an attempt to stop her from testifying.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is charging 50-year old Thomas Jeffrey Tiffin of Pensacola with felony battery, aggravated stalking, and obstructing justice. The victim, Chantell Prescott, says she was at her job at a Destin restaurant when Tiffin showed up around 5 p.m. May 31<sup>st</sup> and began creating a scene when she initially refused to talk to him. Prescott says Tiffin told her not to talk to "the state" anymore and that if she received a subpoena for his upcoming trial in Santa Rosa County, she would not testify. Tiffin told her he knew he was going to have to go back to prison for a long time and he would kill her to keep that from happening. Prescott said Tiffin also poked her in the face with his finger and thumped her cigarette out of her hand.

Prescott told deputies due to the violent nature of their past, she felt the threats were credible. The pending trial in Santa Rosa County is related to a domestic altercation February 24<sup>th</sup>. Tiffin is accused of striking Prescott in the head with a firearm during that incident.

Tiffin meanwhile is currently being held in the Santa Rosa County jail after being arrested there last night on unrelated charges.

OCSO Investigators say Tiffin has a violent past and has been incarcerated in the state prison system multiple times for battery convictions.

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REPORT NO: OCSO15ARR005181

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#### [ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

The victim, Chantell Prescott and the defendant, Thomas Jeffrey Tiffin have had a previous relationship where they were dating, but never resided together as a family. On February 24, 2015, Mr. Tiffin broke into Ms. Prescott's home in Santa Rosa County where he struck her in the head with a firearm and caused a severe laceration to her scalp. Mr. Tiffin was subsequently arrested for Aggravated Battery and multiple other felony charges stemming from that incident. Mr. Tiffin is currently on pre-trial release, on an ankle monitor, and his trial date is pending for those charges. Mr. Prescott is a potential witness at that trial and had been the petitioner on an injunction for protection against dating violence where Mr. Tiffin was the respondent. That injunction has subsequently expired.

On May 31, 2015, at or about 5:00 pm, the victim, Chantell Prescott was at her place of employment, Vinny McGuire's, 33 Harbor Blvd, Destin, Florida. When Ms. Prescott arrived, Mr. Tiffin approached her at the bar (even

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though she had told him in the past not to attempt to talk to her in the future), demanding to speak to her privately. She initially declined to speak to him but he became enraged and created a scene, disrupting business so she agreed to speak to him. After stepping outside of the establishment with Mr. Tiffin, he told her she could not ignore him any longer. She was also told not to talk to "the state" anymore and she should not be in any position to receive a subpoena for his trial; and specifically said if she did receive a subpoena she would not testify. He threatened her further during the conversation saying he knew he was going to have to go back to prison for a long time so he would kill her to keep that from happening. She went on to say he "poked" her in the face with his finger and then "thumped" her cigarette out of her hand before leaving. Due to their violent past, Ms. Prescott feels the threats are real and credible, and she is in fear for her safety. His appearance today served no legitimate purpose but was used to intimidate and make a credible threat to do violence to Ms. Prescott.

Mr. Tiffin has subsequently left Okaloosa County and is unavailable for an interview.

Interviews with her co-workers indicated Mr. Tiffin had arrived at McGuire's earlier in the day, asking what time she was scheduled to work, and then indicated he would return at that time. They confirmed he created a scene at the bar before Ms. Prescott walked outside with him.

Mr. Tiffin has a violent past and has been incarcerated in the state penitentiary multiple times. He has previous battery convictions, to include one conviction in 1991 for Aggravated Battery on a Law enforcement Officer. He has subsequent convictions for Battery since that time.

This offense occurred in Okaloosa County, Florida where your affiant is a sworn law enforcement officer. Based on the above information, your affiant has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe, the defendant Thomas Jeffrey Tiffin committed the offenses of Battery (Felony), Aggravated Stalking, and Tampering with a Witness in violation of FSS 784.03 (2), 784.048 (3), and 914.22 (2c), respectively, and the actions of the defendant are contrary to the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

Signature (Arresting Officer)	Nan	ne	ID/SSN					
Subscribed and swom to (or affirmed) before me this 1 day of June A.D., 2015 by as identification.								
Signature	_	Notary PublicLEO	co					
Commission No: My Commission Expires								
Supervisor Signature	Date	Supervisor Name ( Please Print )	Rank					

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○ No Bill / Petition ○ Issue Warrant ○ Prosecution Approved

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Signature of Assistant State Attorney

Date