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THEFT SUSPECT'S GETAWAY ATTEMPT BACKFIRES



A theft suspect trying to flee from an Okaloosa County Sheriff's Deputy collided with a mailbox in Mary Esther, ripping off his car's entire rear bumper with the license tag still attached.

Deputies were able to identify, and then locate the suspect, 20-year old Devin Ramoe Stokes of Augusta Georgia. Stokes has been charged with theft and fleeing/attempting to elude.

It started around 9 p.m. Wednesday night when the OCSO responded to Santa Rosa Mall in reference to a theft. The deputy was told two men had taken a \$300 purse from Dillard's and left in a black sedan towards Mary Esther Boulevard.

The deputy spotted a black sedan driving at a high rate of speed and attempted to pull over the driver. The driver sped off, leading the deputy on a short car chase. The deputy however ended the pursuit due to the suspect's erratic driving. The driver went on to hit several mail boxes on Bryn Mawr Boulevard, ripping off the car's rear bumper with the tag still attached.

The driver, identified as Stokes, was later located. The passenger in the car, 19-year old Payne Gooden of Augusta Georgia, provided a sworn statement that Stokes was the driver and the shoplifter. Stokes later said he was sorry and admitting he'd practiced what he would do if stopped because he knew he did not have a license.

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ARREST REPORT

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

REPORT NO: **OCSO15ARR005769**

MPH zone. Due to his speed and erratic driving, the defendant had to swerve multiple times to avoid a collision with parked vehicles. While the defendant was attempting to elude me, he struck two different mailboxes which caused the rear bumper to fall off of the vehicle with the tag still attached.

The defendant was later located and identified as well as the front seat passenger of the vehicle. The front seat passenger, Payne Gooden, provided a verbal and recorded sworn statement saying that Stokes was the driver of the vehicle and that he did take the property from Dillard's. The bag was located inside the home where the defendant was located.

Post Miranda, the defendant initially denied any involvement, but later stated he was sorry and admitted to fleeing from my stop. Specifically stated he did not want to hurt anyone and that he has "practiced" what he would do if he was stopped because he knew he did not have a license. He also acknowledged multiple events that happened during the pursuit.

Based on my investigation, sworn statements and the information above I have reason to believe and do believe that the defendant, Devin Stokes, did willfully violate F.S.S. 812.014.2e Theft over \$100 and F.S.S. 316.1935.2 Fleeing and attempting to elude. These offenses did occur in Okaloosa County, FL.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the facts established on this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____	JENNINGS, BRANDON A	243
Signature (Arresting Officer)	Name	ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 18 day of June 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 _____

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

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[PHYSICAL EVIDENCE] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ARREST INFORMATION]

Arrested 6/17/2015	Residency 20:59	Within jurisdiction	Injured None	Extent of Injury N/A	Resist No	
No.	Di	Street	Arrested Prior Yes	Arrest Jurisdiction Within jurisdiction	Alcohol Unknown	Drugs Unknown
380	NW	BRYN MAWR BD	A/L	City MARY ESTHER	ST FL	Zip 32569
Arresting Officer 243	JENNINGS, BRANDON A		Unit OCSO/FSV/SOUTH/BD/D-SHIFT	(GEO) 2 - 21 - PG49 - I-41	Officer Type	
Reporting Officer 243	JENNINGS, BRANDON A		Unit OCSO/FSV/SOUTH/BD/D-SHIFT	Original Offense Jurisdiction OCSO		

Forward to for approval
OCSO/FSV/SOUTH/BD/D-SHIFT

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
 PtrIQ
 Purge _____
 SC _____

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 7/21/2015 Time: 15:30
 Instructions: 1940 LEWIS TURNER BLVD FWB, FL 32548

[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>Released To</u>	<u>Printed</u>	<u>Printed By</u>
	No	
<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

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