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

ARREST REPORT

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REPORT NO: OCSO15ARR005769

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[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On 6/17/15 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.

On 6/17/15 the defendant entered the Dillard's department store at approximately 2052 hours. He selected a Michael Khors bag valued \$298 then left the store passing all points of sale without ever rendering payment at 2057 hours. This was corroborated by Dillard's security video and a sworn affidavit of complaint by Robert Long, Dillards loss prevention officer.

I was told the defendant was leaving the scene down Page Bacon Rd in a black sedan. I observed a black Chevy Malibu bearing FL tag 020QVJ traveling East on Page Bacon Rd. The vehicle then cut through the Mcdonald's parking lot at a high rate of speed. I was driving a marked agency patrol vehicle and activated my emergency equipment signaling the driver to stop. The defendant turned right onto Bryn Mawr Blvd then briefly came to a stop before taking off at a high rate of speed in an attempt to flee or elude me. The vehicle reached speeds of approximately 55 MPH in a 25



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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 Dillards. 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 and belief.	on this arridavit are true and correct to the b	est of my knowledge
Signature (Arresting Officer)	JENNINGS, BRANDON A Name	243 ID/SSN
Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me thi who is personally known to me or has produced	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ification.
Signature	Notary PublicLEC	CO
Commission No:	My Commission Expires	

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[PHYSICAL EVIDEN	NCE] [NO PHYSICAL E	VIDENCE LISTED]		
[ARREST INFORMA	TION]			
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380 NW Arresting Officer 243 JENNINGS Reporting Officer		Within jurisdiction A/L City MARY ESTHER Unit ((OCSO/FSV/SOUTH/BD/ Unit OCSO/FSV/SOUTH/BD/	GEO) 2 - 21 - P /D-SHIFT	Unknown Lat / Long G49 - I-41 Officer Type Original Offense Jurisdiction OCSO
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			Signature of Assistant State Attorney	Date