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November 10, 2015

ROAD RAGE INCIDENT LEADS TO MULTIPLE FELONY CHARGES



A Baker resident driving with an elderly passenger is charged with deliberately ramming cars during multiple hit and run collisions on State Road 85 south of Crestview Monday. The suspect later told an Okaloosa County Sheriff's deputy he was attempting to "rid his town of evil people and that he did not like their kind."

30-year old Henry Clay Johnson Jr. of 8211 Tommie Steele Road is charged with five counts of aggravated battery using a deadly weapon, elderly abuse, and fleeing and eluding.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office received calls of a road rage incident around eleven a.m. involving a man in a green Chevrolet truck following cars and rear-ending them on the highway.

The first victim, a 60-year old Crestview resident, was driving her red Cadillac DTS northbound on State Road 85 when Johnson accelerated and hit the rear of her car. When she pulled over to the side of the road she says Johnson stopped, walked back to her car, and told her "I don't like your kind and get out of town."

A second victim, a 42-year old Crestview resident, says he noticed Johnson's fast moving truck coming up behind him while he traveled north in his black Mitsubishi Lancer. Johnson followed and tailgated him as the victim changed lanes to try to get away. He says Johnson continued to speed up and strike his car, causing him to lose traction and fishtail before he regained control and turned off the highway.

A third victim, a 26-year old Crestview man driving a black Honda Civic, was also rammed twice from behind by Johnson, and nearly lost control of his vehicle just north of the Shoal River Bridge.

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An OCSO deputy responding to the calls attempted to pull over Johnson on South Ferdon Boulevard in Crestview. Johnson however swerved and intentionally hit a black Dodge Ram truck being driven by a 52-year old Milton resident. A passenger was also in that vehicle.

The deputy says Johnson ran a red light and made a U-turn before eventually pulling into the parking lot of Captain D's restaurant where he was taken into custody without incident.

His elderly passenger, who had tried to stop Johnson from striking the other cars, was taken to North Okaloosa Medical Center due to emotional trauma.

The driver of the Honda Civic was taken to NOMC for treatment of injuries. Two other victims say they planned to seek medical treatment as well.

The Crestview Police Department was also involved in the investigation and transported Johnson to the Okaloosa County Jail.

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ARREST REPORT

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

REPORT NO: OCSO15ARR011099

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO15OFF014030	Other No OCSO15CAD199606	OBTS
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[SUSPECT]

Last: JOHNSON, First: HENRY, Middle: CLAY, Title: JR, Race: W, Sex: M, DOB: 8/23/1985, Age: 30, Hgt: 5'07", Wgt: 165
 Eyes: BLU, Hair: BLN, MNI Number: OCSO05MNI026476, SSN: [REDACTED], ID No.: [REDACTED], St: FL, Type: D, OCA/Agency ID: [REDACTED]

Birth Location: City: County: State: Nation: Citizenship:
 Address:

8211 TOMMIE STEELE RD BAKER FL 32531

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: WINN DIXIE, Job Title: STOCKER, Phone: (850)682-1551 Entered: 12/15/2007
 Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range: 11/9/2015 11:02 to 11/9/2015 11:09 Lat / Long 30.64028 / -86.54917
 No. 23 Di N Street STATE ROAD 85 Apt/Lot City EGLIN AFB ST Zip FL 32542 (GEO) 1 - 11 - -

[CHARGES]

316.1935.3a

FLEE/ELUDE POLICE

FLEE W DISREGARD OF SAFETY TO PERSONS OR PROP

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Second	Principal	9000		4814	

784.045.1A2

AGG BATT

PERSON USES A DEADLY WEAPON

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

825.102.1

CRIMES AGAINST PERSON

ABUSE ELDERLY OR DISABLED ADULT WO GREAT HARM

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Third	Principal	9000		7099	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On 11/09/2015 at approximately 1106 hours, I responded to a road rage complaint of a green Chevrolet truck traveling north on Highway 85. Communications informed me the truck had been involved in 2 separate hit and run collisions and was approaching Crestview.

I observed a green Chevrolet Silverado bearing Florida tag 6415PM matching the description strike the rear of a black Honda Civic just north of the intersection of PJ Adams causing the Honda to fishtail and travel into the median. As I turned north bound attempting to catch up to the suspect vehicle, I activated my emergency lights on my marked patrol vehicle, I then observed the suspect vehicle following closely behind a black Dodge Ram truck. The Dodge swerved into the center median to avoid the Chevrolet, however the suspect driver swerved directly towards the Black Dodge ram,

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striking the Ram in the rear end. The suspect Chevrolet then continued north on Highway 85, I activated my siren and the suspect truck continued traveling north pulling into the center median just north of Interstate 10. Before I could exit my patrol vehicle, the suspect truck fled northbound, running the red light at the intersection of Raspberry Road reaching speeds of approximately 65 miles per hour in a 45 mile per hour zone. The truck then made a U-turn south in front of Dunkin Donuts and then into the parking lot of Captain D's where it stopped. The pursuit was approximately .68 miles.

The driver/Defendant/Henry Clay Johnson Jr, was taken into custody without further incident and invoked his rights to counsel after being informed of Miranda Rights. Henry made several spontaneous utterances that he was attempting to rid his town of evil people and that he did not like their kind. At one point, Sgt. Gilbert asked Henry what was going on today and he stated, "I want them out of my town." Sgt. Gilbert asked whom he was referring to and he stated, "the evil people." Sgt. Morgan asked him who the evil people were, to which he replied, "The ones I rammed."

Through further investigation, I made contact with the victims from the 2 crashes that occurred south of Crestview along Highway 85 prior my encounter with the truck. All victims completed affidavits of complaint. Victim/Pamela Scott, stated she had pulled over to the side of the road after Henry struck her vehicle. Henry pulled over in front of her, walked back to her car, and told her, "I don't like your kind and get out of town."

Based upon the totality of the evidence, three of the victim vehicles contained only an operator, while the fourth victim vehicle contained an operator and a passenger. This resulted in a total of Five Aggravated Battery Victims, in connection with this incident.

Victim, [REDACTED] was the front seat passenger of the truck. She was present in the vehicle while Henry intentionally rammed the other vehicles and throughout the pursuit. In her verbal statement to Sgt. Jeremy Gilbert, she stated that when Henry returned to his vehicle from talking to Scott, she asked him if there was any damage and he responded, "She got the message." [REDACTED] was 76 years of age. She continuously attempted to get Henry to stop striking other vehicles and to pull over. She had to be transported by EMS due to obvious emotional trauma she sustained as an unwilling participant in the incidents.

Based upon my investigation, I have reason to believe and do believe Henry Clay Johnson Jr. did violate F.S.S. 784.045(1a2) Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon (5 counts), F.S.S. 316.1935(3a) Flee and Attempt to Elude with Disregard for Safety of Others, (1 count) and F.S.S. 825.102(1) Elderly Abuse / Neglect (1 count). This incident did occur in Okaloosa County, Florida.

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) _____ YORK, DEREK W 150
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 10 day of November 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
11/9/2015 11:02	Within jurisdiction	None	N/A	Yes
		Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Drugs
		Unknown	Within jurisdiction	No
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City
23	N	STATE ROAD 85		EGLIN AFB
				ST
				Zip
				FL 32542
				Lat / Long
				30.64028 / -86.54917
Arresting Officer		Unit	(GEO)	Officer Type
150 YORK, DEREK W		OCSO/INV/DTF/K9	1 - 11 - -	
Reporting Officer		Unit		Original Offense Jurisdiction
150 YORK, DEREK W		OCSO/INV/DTF/K9		OCSO
Forward to for approval				
OCSO/INV/DTF/K9				

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: 12/22/2015 Time: 13:30

Instructions: CRESTVIEW COURTHOUSE ROOM A

[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 Disposition Type</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