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November 17, 2015

FORT WALTON BEACH WOMAN FACING MULTIPLE FELONY CHARGES FOLLOWING CHASE AND CRASH IN DESTIN



A woman driving a car matching the description of a vehicle used in a morning robbery in Fort Walton Beach led deputies on a chase that ended when they boxed in her car on Destin's Marler Bridge.

47-year old Tarkwa Kenyabra Johnson of 218 Poplar Street is facing charges of aggravating fleeing and eluding with injury or damage, aggravated battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest with violence.

The robbery, which is still under investigation, took place Tuesday morning around 8:30 a.m. when a black female robbed a man of his wallet on Sunset Boulevard.

Approximately three hours later, an Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office deputy spotted a car matching the description of the one used in the robbery near the Raceway Gas Station on Highway 98 in Destin. When the deputy turned on his emergency lights, the driver, later identified as Johnson, ran a red light at Gulf Shores Drive and headed towards Okaloosa Island, driving approximately 65 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Captain Ted Pecot was able to get in front of Johnson to slow her down but when the other deputy attempted to box her in, she hit his patrol car and spun. She then tried to get away by driving eastbound in the westbound lanes of Marler Bridge. Two other deputies worked to block Johnson's car to prevent her from crashing into any motorists. Johnson accelerated and rammed one of the patrol cars before she was finally stopped. Johnson then refused to open the door and resisted being taken into custody.

Johnson was taken to Fort Walton Beach Medical Center for evaluation after complaining that her back hurt. No deputies suffered serious injuries.

The robbery investigation is continuing.

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REPORT NO: OCSO15ARR011370

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO15OFF014369	Other No OCSO15CAD203993	OBTS
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[SUSPECT]

Last	First	Middle	Title	Race	Sex	DOB	Age	Hgt	Wgt
JOHNSON	TARKWA	KENYABRA		B	F	7/20/1968	47	5'06"	180
Eyes	Hair	MNI Number	St	Type	OCA/Agency ID				
BRO	BLK	OCSO10MNI012482	FL	E	196762/2147060				

Birth Location: City: FORT WALTON BEA County: OKALOOSA State: FLORIDA Nation: UNITED STATES
Citizenship: UNITED STATES

Address

218 POPLAR ST FORT WALTON BEACH FL 32547

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: WYNDAM, Job Title: HOUSEKIPPER, Entered: 9/4/2015

Business: SELF EMPLOYED, Job Title: HOME HEALTH CARE, Entered: 8/13/2013

Business: HILTON, Job Title: HOUSE KEEPING, Entered: 6/12/2013

Suite: S. DESTIN

Business: HOME HEALTH CARE, Job Title: , Entered: 2/8/2013

Business: CONDO SERVICE, Job Title: CLEANER, Entered: 7/25/2012

Business: ENVIRONMENTAL WASTE, Job Title: SORTER, Entered: 5/26/2012

Business: NONE, Job Title: , Entered: 12/22/2010

Suite:

Business: , Job Title: HOME CARE, Entered: 4/6/2007

Suite:

Business: , Job Title: UNEMPLOYED, Entered: 9/14/2005

Suite:

Business: HOME CARE, Job Title: , Entered: 8/18/2005

Suite:

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: , Entered: 8/5/2005

Suite:

Business: HOME CARE, Job Title: , Entered: 6/23/2005

Suite:

Business: HOME CARE/SELF EMPLOYED, Job Title: , Entered: 5/20/2005

Suite:

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: , Entered: 4/30/2003

Suite:

Business: MCDONALDS, Job Title: CLERK, Phone: 850 Entered: 5/7/2002

Suite:

Business: ARMANI DRYWALL, Job Title: BOOK KEEPE, Entered: 9/1/2000

Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

KINEBRA, TARKWA

WILLIAMS, TARKWA KENYABRAE

RUMPH, TARKAWA

RUMPH, TARKWA K 7/20/1968

RUMPH-JOHNSON, TARKWA KENYABRAE 7/20/1968

PUMPH, TARKWA KENYABRA 7/20/1968

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

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[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range: 11/17/2015 11:41 to 11/17/2015 11:41 Lat / Long
 No. Di Street Apt/Lot City ST Zip (GEO)
 HARBOR BD DESTIN FL 32541 3 - 25 - -

[CHARGES]

316.1935.4a

FLEE/ELUDE POLICE

AGGRAVATED FLEEING W INJURY OR DAMAGE

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

784.07.2d

AGGRAV BATT-POL OFF

ON OFFICER FIREFIGHTER EMT ETC

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	First	Principal	9000		1317	

843.01.

RESIST OFFICER

WITH VIOLENCE

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Third	Principal	9000		4801	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On 11/17/15 at approximately 1141hrs I observed a silver in color Nissan Altima bearing FL Tag # Y74DMP in the median in front of 995 U.S. HWY 98 (Raceway Gas Station) Destin, Okaloosa County FL 32541. This vehicle and tag matched the description of a vehicle used in a Robbery in Fort Walton Beach Florida. The Nissan was in the median and pulled westbound onto HWY 98 approaching Gulf Shore Dr. I immediately pulled a U Turn and activated my emergency equipment. I pulled behind the Nissan and confirmed the FL Tag Y74DMP.

As I got close to the vehicle the driver initially pulls in to the parking lot of the Walgreens located at 977 U.S. Highway 98 Destin FL. Once the driver was in the parking lot they looked back at me and fled accelerating through the parking lot and exited turning westbound on U.S. HWY 98 running the Red Light for Gulf Shore Dr and HWY 98. The driver continued to flee traveling westbound on HWY 98 towards Okaloosa Island. The driver was driving at approximately 65MPH in a 35MPH zone.

The driver (later identified Tarkwa Johnson) continued to disregard the lights and siren and flee traveling westbound across the Marler Bridge. Captain T. Pecot was crossing the bridge and was able to slow the driver down. After Captain Pecot activated his emergency equipment and got the driver slowed down I pulled to the right of the Fleeing vehicle to attempt to box in the driver. The driver attempted to go around Captain Pecot on his right side and struck the front driver's side of my patrol car with their rear passenger side causing the suspect vehicle to spin out. The suspect vehicle came to a stop facing eastbound near the front of the passenger side of my patrol car. The driver then fled the scene of the crash striking my patrol car again driving eastbound in the westbound lanes of the Marler Bridge into opposing traffic.

D/S M. Kruger and D/S J. Prejean was close behind and attempted to block the drivers route off the bridge to keep her from crashing into another motorist D/S Kruger blocked the inside westbound lane and D/S Prejean blocked the outside lane. The driver aimed her vehicle at the front of D/S Kruger's patrol car and accelerated ramming him. I saw the driver to continue to attempt to accelerate her vehicle after ramming D/S Kruger. I then used my patrol car to pin the driver in against D/S Kruger's patrol car to keep her from continuing to flee; estimated speed was 10-15mph. Speeds estimated when she collided with D/S Kruger were between 15-20mph.

I observed the driver and sole occupant (Tarkwa Johnson) of the vehicle and ordered her to exit the vehicle. Johnson refused to open the door and refused to exit the vehicle. I opened the door and attempted to pull Johnson out of

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the vehicle by her arm but she resisted pulling away. I then grabbed Johnson by her arm and head and was able to get her out of the vehicle and onto the ground where she continued to resist refusing to give D/S Prejean her right arm. After a short struggle Johnson was placed under arrest without any further incident. Once the scene was secure I asked Johnson if she was injured and she replied that her back was hurt. EMS was contacted and responded to the scene. Johnson was transported to Fort Walton Beach Medical Center for treatment.

Johnson was charged with Aggravated Flee to Elude, Aggravated Battery against a Law Enforcement Officer and Resisting an Officer with Violence. The vehicle was towed by Holmes Wrecker service as evidence for investigations.

These charges did occur in Okaloosa County FL where I am a full time 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.

Signature (Arresting Officer) CANTWELL, JEFFREY L 287
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 17 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

[PHYSICAL EVIDENCE] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ARREST INFORMATION]

Table with columns: Arrested, Residency, Injured, Extent of Injury, Resist, No., Di, Street, A/L, City, ST, Zip, Lat / Long, Arresting Officer, Reporting Officer, Forward to for approval. Includes details for Jeffrey L Cantwell and OCSO/FSV/EAST/AC/A-SHIFT.

Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00

- () None
() ROR
() Cash
() Pro

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Bond Set by Judge _____

() None () ROR/Sign
 () Cash () PTR
 () Any
 () Pro
 () PtIQ

()Purge _____
 ()SC _____

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 12/22/2015 Time: 15:30
 Instructions: 1940 LEWIS TURNER BLVD FWB FL

[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

Released To

<u>Court DispositionType</u>	<u>Court Disposition Description</u>
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[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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