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August 31, 2015

ATTEMPTED MURDER SUSPECT NOW IN CUSTODY



An attempted murder suspect is now in custody thanks in part to multiple tips to Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers.

Deputies with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office Fugitive Warrants Unit have been actively searching for 20-year old James Dakota Ziglar in connection with a shooting August 30th at Ziglar's home, 1250 Chestnut Avenue near Crestview.

Ziglar was arrested around 7:20 a.m. today following a traffic stop on Bird Drive.

He's accused of shooting 28-year old Joshua Armstrong of Crestview once in the head with a .380 caliber handgun. Armstrong remains in critical condition at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola.

Witness Crystal Haynes said Armstrong and his girlfriend came over to the house Sunday evening looking for Ziglar. Ziglar arrived while they were talking and asked Armstrong "something about money". Haynes says while Armstrong was in midsentence, Ziglar pulled a tan pistol from his waistband and shot Armstrong in the forehead. She says Armstrong did not have a weapon or make any threats to Ziglar prior to the shooting. Witnesses say Ziglar then calmly walked out of the home prior to deputies arriving on the scene.

He is now charged with attempted homicide.

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REPORT NO: OCSO15ARR008559

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO15OFF010989	Other No OCSO15CAD1570	OBTS
[SUSPECT] <u>Last</u> ZIGLAR	<u>First</u> JAMES	<u>Middle</u> DAKOTA	Title Race Sex DOB Age Hgt Wgt W M 4/21/1995 20 6'01" 292
Eyes Hair MNI Num GRN BRO OCSO12	<u>1ber SSN</u> MNI008963	<u>I.D. No.</u>	St Type OCA/Agency ID FL E 2143223

Birth Location: City: CRESTVIEW County: OKALOOSA State: FLORIDA Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES

Address

1250 E CHESTNUT AV CRESTVIEW FL 32539 Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: , Entered: 6/2/2012

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

* none found in MNI *

Street Names

^{*} none found in MNI *

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[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On August 30, 2015, the Okaloosa County Sheriff's office responded to 1250 East Chestnut Avenue, Crestview, Florida for a shooting complaint. Upon arrival deputies located the victim Joshua Armstrong with a gunshot wound to the forehead over his right eyebrow. The victim's girlfriend Christina Trentini called 911 and advised responding deputies that the shooter was the defendant James" Dakota "Ziglar. Armstrong stated to Deputy Willie Davis that he was shot with a .380. Armstrong was air lifted to Scared Heart hospital in Pensacola, Florida, where he remains in critical condition.

I conducted an interview with Trentini at the North District Office. Trentini stated she and Armstrong walked over to 1250 East Chestnut Avenue because Armstrong wanted to. Trentini stated once they arrived they made contact with Crystal Haynes who resides there. Trentini stated she sat on the couch and Armstrong walked to the back of the house with Haynes. Trentini stated a few minutes later the defendant, Dakota Ziglar walked into the residence and engaged her in small talk, then went to the back of the house where Armstrong and Haynes were. Trentini stated she then heard a gunshot and the defendant Dakota Ziglar calmly walked from the rear of the house towards the kitchen. Trentini stated she located Armstrong in Haynes bedroom bleeding from the head. Trentini stated Haynes told her the Defendant shot the victim, and then departed the residence out the front door. Trentini stated she called 911. Trentini stated she did not know of any reason as to why the defendant, Dakota Ziglar would shoot Armstrong, she further stated she heard no disturbance prior to the gunshot.

I conducted an interview with Crystal Haynes at the OCSO North District Office. Haynes stated, Armstrong and Trentini came over to her house looking for the defendant, Dakota Ziglar and she told them he wasn't there. Haynes stated she went to her bedroom and Armstrong followed her and while she and Armstrong were talking the defendant, Dakota Ziglar walked into the bedroom. Haynes stated the defendant Dakota Ziglar asked Armstrong something about

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money and it was apparent the question upset Armstrong. Haynes stated Armstrong began responding to the defendant's question and while doing so started pointing his finger at the defendant, Dakota Ziglar. Haynes stated while Armstrong was in mid-sentence, the defendant, Dakota Ziglar pulled a tan pistol from his waistband area and shot Armstrong in the forehead. Haynes stated Armstrong did not have a weapon or make any threats to the defendant, Dakota Ziglar prior to the shooting. Haynes stated the defendant did not say anything after he shot Armstrong, just calmly walked out of the house. Havnes stated she was standing right next to Armstrong when he was shot. Havnes described the weapon as a tan automatic pistol, that she believed belonged to the defendant, Dakota Ziglar's mother Susan Ziglar.

I conducted an interview with Susan Ziglar at the OCSO North District Office. Ziglar stated the last saw the defendant, Dakota Ziglar at her residence located at 935 E. Edney Avenue, Crestview, Florida at approximately 1500 hours. Ziglar stated the defendant was on her front porch with his girlfriend Megan Gary and everything seemed fine. Ziglar confirmed that she owns a .380 Sig Saur pistol, tan in color and she confirmed it is currently missing. Ziglar stated she stores the firearm in her vehicle and last saw it either Thursday (August 27) or Friday (August 28). Ziglar stated the defendant, Dakota Ziglar knew she kept the firearm in her vehicle and could have easily taken her car keys while she was sleeping.

A search warrant was submitted and approved by the Honorable Patricia Grinsted for the residence located at 1250 East Chestnut Avenue, Crestview, Florida. During the crime scene processing a .380 shell casing was located in Haynes bedroom.

Based on the eye witness statements and physical evidence collected at the crime scene, I do believe the defendant, James Dakota Ziglar committed the offense of attempted murder by willfully pointing and discharging a deadly weapon at the victim's head, causing the bullet to enter the head above the right eye and did so without provocation. This offense is in violation of Florida State Statute 782.04.1.a. This incident occurred in Okaloosa County Florida, where I am a sworn law enforcement officer.

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○ No Bill / Petition ○ Issue Warrant ○ Prosecution Approved

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Signature of Assistant State Attorney

Date



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