

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

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ARREST REPORT

OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE

REPORT NO: OCSO20ARR005552

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO20OFF009276	Other No OCSO20CAD134911	OBTS
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[SUSPECT]

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Hgt</u>	<u>Wgt</u>
GODWIN	DANIEL	RAY		W	M	1/13/1982	38	5'07"	130
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>MNI Number</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>LD No</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>OCA / Agency ID</u>		
BLU	BRO	OCSO00MNI001568			FL	E	235995		

Birth Location: City: PENSACOLA County: ESCAMBIA State: FLORIDA Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES

Address

AT LARGE FORT WALTON BEACH FL

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: WHATABURGER, Job Title: FOOD SERVICE, Phone: (850)864-1970 Entered: 11/6/2019

399 MARY ESTHER CF Suite: FORT WALTON BEACH FL 32547

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: , Entered: 9/20/2019

Business: SONIC, Job Title: COOK, Entered: 6/22/2017

Suite: MARY ESTHER FL 32547

Business: , Job Title: UNEMPLOYED, Entered: 8/2/2004

Suite:

Business: SHOWSCAPE INC, Job Title: LANDSCAPING, Entered: 8/12/2003

Suite:

Business: MCDONALDS, Job Title: COOK, Entered: 1/17/2003

Suite:

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

* none found in MNI *

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range:	7/4/2020	19:00 to 7/5/2020	12:20	Lat / Long	30.41394 / -86.65352
No.	Di	Street	Apt/Lot	City	ST Zip (GEO)
425	E	HOLLYWOOD BLVD		MARY ESTHER	FL 32569 2 - 21 - 111 - 1006

[CHARGES]

782.04.2

HOMICIDE

MURDER DANGEROUS DEPRAVED WO PREMEDITATION

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
1	Felony	First	Principal	090A		0999	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On July 5, 2020, the DEFENDANT, Daniel Ray Godwin, committed the offense of Murder pursuant to F.S.S. 782.04. This offense occurred in a wooded area of 425 East Hollywood, Boulevard, Fort Walton Beach, Okaloosa County, Florida.

At 1220 hours on July 5, 2020, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the above location in reference to a Medical Emergency. Upon arrival of responding deputies, contact was made with Amber Little. Little advised she discovered her mother lying in the wooded lot and believed she was deceased. Little stated she dropped her mother off at this location on July 4, 2020, in the early afternoon. On July 5, 2020, she became concerned about her mother because she was not answering her phone and decided to go check on her.

Little stated she discovered the victim lying between a line of high hedges, bordering a fence line. Little advised

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the Victim's body was completely covered by a blanket, which caused Little to believe the Victim was asleep. Little pulled the blanket away from her mother, discovered she was not breathing, and was cold to the touch. Due to the victim's body positioning, only a partial view of the victim's face was visible. The victim appeared to have significant bruising and swelling to her face. Investigation revealed the Victim had multiple bruises covering her back, torso, and both arms. The victim's underwear and shorts were partially pulled down exposing her underwear and buttocks. Little observed a blue bicycle she identified as the Defendant's at the crime scene. Little observed the Defendant in possession of this bicycle the previous afternoon of July 04, 2020.

Little advised the Defendant and Victim have been in an intimate and continuous relationship for the last eight (8) years. Little further stated she picked the Victim up from the area of Uptown Station and gave her a ride on July 4, 2020, at approximately 1300 hours. The Victim requested they drop off the Defendant's wallet to him. Both Little and the Victim made contact with the Defendant who became irate and began screaming at them. The Victim became scared and threw the Defendant's wallet out the passenger window of Little's vehicle. The Defendant then threatened multiple acts of violence towards the Victim, including shooting her. Multiple witnesses established a long history of physical violence between the Defendant and Victim, with the Defendant as the primary aggressor. After departing the area of the Defendant, Little dropped the Victim off near the area of the crime scene.

During this investigation, [REDACTED] was identified as a witness to the above altercation. [REDACTED] was located at [REDACTED] Cape Drive, Fort Walton Beach, and provided a sworn statement advising he observed the Defendant in a verbal altercation with Little and the Victim in reference to the Defendant's wallet.

While at the crime scene, another Witness, [REDACTED] provided a sworn written statement. [REDACTED] advised she was [REDACTED] and had contact with the Defendant in the Burger King parking lot, located West of the crime scene at 0600hrs on July 5, 2020. [REDACTED] stated the Defendant was waiting for her, as he usually does, to get coffee before going to work at Whataburger at 0700. During this encounter, [REDACTED] described the Defendant as upset, yelling, and not making sense. [REDACTED] advised the Defendant left Burger King around 0700 hours, telling [REDACTED] he was going to go find the Victim and wake her up. Investigation revealed the Defendant did not go to work as scheduled on Sunday, July 05, 2020.

The Defendant was later located at 1524 hours passing the crime scene. The Defendant was subsequently detained by Law Enforcement and taken to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office for an interview. When the Defendant was taken into custody he made spontaneous statements regarding injuries to the Victim's face and explained the Victim sustained those injuries because she was intoxicated and fell. At the time these spontaneous statements were made no information was told to the Defendant regarding the Victim, her injuries, the crime scene, etc.

Law enforcement attempted to interview the Defendant, but was unsuccessful due to Defendant's erratic and unpredictable behavior. However, the Defendant spontaneously stated he last saw the Victim at the crime scene on July 05, 2020, between 0700 and 0730 hours. Without having knowledge of the Victim's death, the Defendant referred to the Victim in the past tense, specifically by stating "he loved her." The Defendant was ultimately released from law enforcement's custody on the evening of July 05, 2020 after his DNA, as well as other forensic and physical evidence was collected.

Defendant contacted OCSO dispatch the morning of July 06, 2020, inquired about his cellular telephone, and requested to speak to law enforcement. Defendant voluntarily arrived at the Sheriff's Office and waived Miranda. During this interview, Defendant denied having any contact with the Victim on July 05, 2020, which was inconsistent with his statement from the previous evening. Defendant was trembling and emotional. When pressed for details about the Victim's death the Defendant told law enforcement he wanted to leave.

On July 6, 2020, at approximately 1644 hours, [REDACTED] contacted the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and advised the Defendant confessed to killing the victim. [REDACTED] voluntarily came to the Sheriff's Office for an interview. [REDACTED] advised he was at the Shell Gas Station, located west of the crime scene at 260 Mary Esther Boulevard, Mary Esther, FL 32569, heard a male voice yelling, a female voice cry out in distress or pain, and then went quiet. Approximately 15-20 minutes later, the Defendant approached the gas station from the area of the crime scene and made contact with Dean. Dean advised the Defendant appeared stressed and began speaking to [REDACTED]. Without any solicitation, the Defendant told Dean he "kicked the victim's teeth in. I feel so bad I could just kill myself". [REDACTED] asked the Defendant where the victim was so he could check on her, but the Defendant would not tell him the Victim's location. [REDACTED] asked if medical assistance

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should be requested and the Defendant told  she would be okay."

Based on the above information, I have reason to believe and do believe the DEFENDANT, Daniel Ray Godwin committed the offense of Murder in violation of F.S.S. 782.04. This offense occurred in Okaloosa County, Florida where I am a 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) PADILLA, TODD J 100
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 7 day of July A.D., 2020 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]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist
7/5/2020 12:20	Within jurisdiction	None	N/A	No
	Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol	Drugs
	Yes	Within jurisdiction	Unknown	Unknown
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City
48		SNOOK RD		FLOROSA
Arresting Officer	Unit	(GEO)	ST	Zip
100 PADILLA, TODD J	OCSO/FSV/INV/CID		FL	2- 23 - 112 - 1006
Reporting Officer	Unit			Officer Type
100 PADILLA, TODD J	OCSO/FSV/INV/CID			
Forward to for approval				Original Offense Jurisdiction
OCSO/FSV/INV/CID				OCSO

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 _____

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Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 8/4/2020 Time: 15:30
Instructions: 1940 LEWIS TURNER BOULEVARD FORT WALTON BEACH 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
<u>Released To</u>		

<u>Court Disposition Type</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