

# Sheriff



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July 14, 2014

## **GUN THIEF HAS SHORT-LIVED SUCCESS**



An Okaloosa County Sheriff's Deputy tracked down a Fort Walton Beach burglar who thought he'd gotten away with stealing a .40 caliber Glock firearm from inside a safe.

31-year old John Jackson Lynn of 1 Doe Lane is charged with burglary to a structure and grand theft of a firearm.

An off-duty Tallahassee law enforcement officer staying at an Okaloosa Island hotel at 573 Santa Rosa Boulevard reported yesterday he had to call management because of having trouble getting into the safe in his room. Management was able to open the safe with an administrative code, but the man's \$600 handgun was missing.

A deputy checked various hotel logs and card readers and was able to determine that Lynn, a recently hired maintenance employee, had gone into the room unattended. During questioning Lynn admitted taking the firearm and putting it in his car. When he went home he put the gun in his closet, planning to keep it.

The gun is back in the hands of the rightful owner.

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ARREST REPORT

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REPORT NO: OCSO14ARR007265

|                 |                               |                             |                    |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Jail Booking No | Offense No<br>OCSO14OFF008234 | Other No<br>OCSO14CAD124958 | OBTS<br>4601098467 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|

[ SUSPECT ]

Last: LYNN      First: JOHN      Middle: JACKSON      Title:      Race: W      Sex: M      DOB: 12/8/1982      Age: 31      Hgt: 5'04"      Wgt: 150  
 Eyes: BLU      Hair:      MNI Number: OCSO14MNI008995      SSN: [REDACTED]      ID No: [REDACTED]      St: GA      Type: C      OCA/Agency ID:

Birth Location: City: ALMA County: BACON State: GEORGIA Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES

Address

1 DOE LANE FWB FL 32547

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: , Job Title: , Entered: 7/13/2014

Business: WYNDHAM GARDENS HOTEL, Job Title: MAINTENACNE TECH, Phone: (850)244-8686 Entered: 7/13/2014

573 S SANTA ROSA BOULEVARD Suite: FORT WALTON BEACH FL

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

\* none found in MNI \*

Street Names

\* none found in MNI \*

[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]

Occurred Date Range: 7/12/2014 19:00 to 7/13/2014 10:26      Lat / Long 38.40489 / -122.72683  
 No. 573      Di S      Street SANTA ROSA BD      Apt/Lot 506      City FORT WALTON BEAC FL      ST FL      Zip 32548      (GEO) 3 - 24 - -

[ CHARGES ]

810.02.2b

BURGL

DWELLING STRUCTURE OR CONVEYANCE ARMED

| Counts | Level  | Degree | GOC       | UCR  | NCIC | AON  | Bond Amount |
|--------|--------|--------|-----------|------|------|------|-------------|
| 1      | Felony | First  | Principal | 2200 |      | 2299 |             |

812.014.2c5

LARC

LARC GRAND OF FIREARM

| Counts | Level  | Degree | GOC       | UCR  | NCIC | AON  | Bond Amount |
|--------|--------|--------|-----------|------|------|------|-------------|
| 1      | Felony | Third  | Principal | 2200 |      | 2399 |             |

[ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

On July 13, 2013 at 1035 hrs I responded to 573 South Santa Rosa Blvd, room 506, Fort Walton Beach, Florida reference a burglary to residence already occurred. Upon arrival I made contact with the hotel manager, identified as Evelyn R Blackwell, the maintenance manager, identified as Anthony Galli and the victim, identified as Joshua S Lowery.

In a sworn Affidavit of Complaint the victim stated on the evening of July 11, 2014 he checked into the Wyndham Garden motel located at 573 Santa Rosa Blvd. When he woke up the next morning, July 12, he contacted the front desk and requested assistance opening the safe in his room( 506). After the safe was unlocked the victim placed his .40 caliber Glock model 27 semi-automatic pistol bearing serial number [REDACTED] into the safe, closed the door and locked the safe using a code known only to him. On the morning of July 13, 2014 the victim tried to open the safe using his code however he was unsuccessful. The victim contacted the front desk and requested assistance to open the safe. When the maintenance employee arrived he opened the safe. After opening the safe the victim discovered the above mentioned firearm missing. The victim stated he was in and out of his room several times through out the day. The last time he left his

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room was at approximately 1900 hrs on July 12th and he returned approximately 2300 hrs that evening.

Management of the Wyndham hotel provided copies of their maintenance and housekeeping log which indicated only one call for service to room 506, the victims room, which maintenance responded to. That call was at 0925 hrs on July 12, and the documented problem was for assistance with the safe. Hotel management also provided records retrieved from the key card reader on the door to the victims room, room 506. The records indicate key card #19 belonging to the suspect, identified as John Jackson Lynn, entered room 506 on July 12, 2014 at 1946 hrs and again at 2051 hrs. A detailed check of the maintenance and housekeeping logs for room 506 did not indicate any request by the victim for assistance after his initial request. Key card records further confirm the victim was not in his room during the theft.

At approximately 1500 hrs on July 13, 2014 I made contact with the suspect in the managers office of the wyndham hotel. I advised the suspect of his constitutional rights and asked if he was willing to answer any questions. He agreed. The suspect immediately stated he entered the victims room, room 506 , at the request of the night manager to verify if a past occupant of the room had left a wrist watch behind. The suspect stated he entered the room and used his administrative code to open the safe. He further stated once he opened the safe he discovered a hand gun along with the wrist watch. He removed the wrist watch from the safe closed and locked the door and returned to the managers office. The suspect stated he informed the manager of the firearm and stated he would return to the room later in an attempt to make contact with the occupant and ask if the firearm belonged to him. The suspect returned to the room at 2051 hrs, knocked on the door and when no one answered he entered the room , opened the safe, removed the firearm and placed it in his vehicle. When he returned to his residence he unloaded the fire arm and placed it in his closet. The suspect stated he intended to keep the firearm. The fire arm was recovered from the suspects residence after consent to search was given.

I have reason to believe and do believe the suspect, John Jackson Lynn, violated F.S.S. 810.02.2b armed burglary to a dwelling and F.S.S. 812.014.2c5 theft of a firearm. This incident occurred in Okaloosa County 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.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| _____                         | <b>EMRICH, IAN W</b> | <b>233</b> |
| Signature (Arresting Officer) | Name                 | ID/SSN     |

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 14 day of July A.D., 2014 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           |              |       |                       |
| 7/13/2014 10:26          | Within jurisdiction      | None                | N/A                           | No               |              |       |                       |
|                          | Arrested Prior           | Arrest Jurisdiction | Alcohol                       | Drugs            |              |       |                       |
|                          | Yes                      | Unknown             | No                            | No               |              |       |                       |
| No.                      | Di                       | Street              | A/L                           | City             | ST           | Zip   | Lat / Long            |
| 573                      | S                        | SANTA ROSA BD       | 506                           | FORT WALTON BEAC | FL           | 32548 | 38.40489 / -122.72683 |
| Arresting Officer        | Unit                     |                     | (GEO)                         | 3 - 24 - -       | Officer Type |       |                       |
| 233 EMRICH, IAN W        | OCSO/FSV/EAST/BD/B-SHIFT |                     |                               |                  |              |       |                       |
| Reporting Officer        | Unit                     |                     | Original Offense Jurisdiction |                  |              |       |                       |
| 233 EMRICH, IAN W        | OCSO/FSV/EAST/BD/B-SHIFT |                     | OCSO                          |                  |              |       |                       |
| Forward to for approval  |                          |                     |                               |                  |              |       |                       |
| OCSO/FSV/EAST/BD/B-SHIFT |                          |                     |                               |                  |              |       |                       |

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

- None
- ROR
- Cash
- Pro

|                                |                               |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bond Set by Judge              | <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> ROR/Sign |
|                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash | <input type="checkbox"/> PTR      |
|                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Any  |                                   |
|                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro  |                                   |
|                                | <input type="checkbox"/> PtIQ |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purge | _____                         |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SC    | _____                         |                                   |

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 8/19/2014 Time: 15:30  
 Instructions: CLERK OF COURT

[ 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 DispositionType</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