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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER HITTING GIRLFRIEND, SHOOTING OUT WINDOW, POINTING WEAPON AT DEPUTIES



A Crestview man faces multiple charges by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office after he became violent with his live-in girlfriend Wednesday evening, then shot out a window inside their home with a shotgun.

37-year old William "Dale" Cheatwood is accused of punching his girlfriend in the face, leaving a cut that required her to get medical attention at North Okaloosa Medical Center.

Deputies responded to their home at 3044 Sowell Drive around 6 p.m., but Cheatwood refused to come out and at one point, appeared in a window yielding a shotgun. When the OCSO Special Response Team arrived, Cheatwood came outside and pointed the weapon at an occupied SRT vehicle before retreating back into the mobile home. The Special Response Team ultimately used tear gas to successfully take him into custody.

Cheatwood is now charged with aggravated battery with bodily harm, assault on a law enforcement officer, and resisting an officer without violence.

Multiple loaded weapons were found inside Cheatwood's home.

His girlfriend says she did not believe he planned to harm her and that when Cheatwood becomes upset, he likes to shoot windows. She says he shot out the window of a hotel room in Columbus Mississippi a couple weeks ago.

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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: OCSO16ARR005789

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO16OFF006669	Other No OCSO16CAD090083	OBTS
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[SUSPECT]

Last First Middle Title Race Sex DOB Age Hgt Wgt
CHEATWOOD WILLIAM DALE W M 9/21/1978 37 6'01" 190
Eyes Hair MNI Number SSN ID. No. St Type OCA/Agency ID
BRO BRO OCSO02MNI019809 FL 227080/241348

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

3044 SOWELL DR CRESTVIEW FL 32539

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: APPLEBEES, Job Title: BARTENDER, Phone: (850)689-0026 Entered: 11/19/2002
 Suite: CRESTVIEW FL

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)
 , DALE

Street Names

* none found in MNI *

[INCIDENT INFORMATION]

Occurred Date Range: 6/1/2016 17:43 to 6/1/2016 18:01 Lat / Long 30.6956 / -86.53703
 No. Di Street Apt/Lot City ST Zip (GEO)
 3044 SOWELL DR CRESTVIEW FL 325 1 - 4 - -

[CHARGES]

784.045.1A1

Domestic Violence Related

AGG BATT

CAUSES GREAT BODILY HARM

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Felony	Second	Principal	130A		1319	

784.07.2c

ASSAULT

ON OFFICER FIREFIGHTER EMT ETC

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
6	Felony	Second	Principal	130A		1311	

843.02.

RESIST OFFICER

OBSTRUCT WO VIOLENCE

Counts	Level	Degree	GOC	UCR	NCIC	AON	Bond Amount
1	Misdemeanor	First	Principal	9000		4801	

[STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE]

On Wednesday, June 1, 2016, I made contact with the victim, identified as Lyndsi Reed, in the Emergency Room at North Okaloosa Medical Center (NOMC).

The victim stated that today her boyfriend, the defendant, identified as William "Dale" Cheatwood, had gotten into a verbal altercation at their residence, identified as 3044 Sowell Dr. Crestview, Florida, which they have reside as if a family since February 16, 2016. The verbal altercation had started when the defendant stated several times that he wanted to die and had placed the barrel of a shotgun into his mouth. The victim had removed the weapon from the defendant's mouth and he then retreated to a bedroom with the gun where he fired three rounds into the window. The victim stated that this had not scare her nor did she feel threatened. The defendant then went to their bedroom and laid down and called to the victim to join him, which the victim did. While laying in the bed the defendant rolled onto the victim using his weight to

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keep her pinned on the bed. She began to scream he informed her that he "Would give her something to cry about" and struck the victim with a closed fist in the left eye causing a three inch laceration, which will scar upon healing. The victim provided a sworn written and verbal statements.

I attempted to make contact with the defendant at his residence, however I was unable to call him from his residence. Public Address speakers were used to announce that we were with the Sheriff's Office and Cheatwood needed to exit the residence. At one point he went to the window, which he had shot out and pushed glass out of the window with a black object but I was unable to identify it as a weapon. It was determined at that time to notify the Special Response Team (SRT) as the defendant would not communicate. SRT arrived and took over the scene and I was advised that while attempting and prior to making entry the defendant pointed a shotgun at their vehicle, which was occupied by six sworn deputies with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. Several marked patrol cars were present and the emergency red and blue lights were flashing on the marked SRT vehicle identifying it as a law enforcement vehicle. Each of these deputies felt threatened by the defendant's actions. The SRT was able to get the defendant to surrender after tear gas was introduced to the residence.

Based on my investigation, physical evidence, and witness statements I can and do believe that the defendant, William Cheatwood, violated F.S.S. 784.045(1a1), Aggravated Battery DOMV, F.S.S. 784.07 (2c), Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement officer, and F.S.S. 843.02 Resisting an Officer without Violence. These incidents 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.

Signature (Arresting Officer) _____ **BARNETT, DENNIS A** **203**
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 2 day of June A.D., 2016 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
6/1/2016	17:43 Within jurisdiction					
		Arrested Prior	Arrest Jurisdiction	Alcohol	Drugs	
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City	ST	Zip
3044		SOWELL DR		CRESTVIEW	FL	325
Arresting Officer			Unit	(GEO)	1 - 4 - -	Lat / Long
203 BARNETT, DENNIS A			OCSO/FSV/NORTH/BD/D-SHIFT			30.6956 / -86.53703
Reporting Officer			Unit	Original Offense Jurisdiction		
203 BARNETT, DENNIS A			OCSO/FSV/NORTH/BD/D-SHIFT			OCSO
Forward to for approval						
OCSO/FSV/NORTH/BD/D-SHIFT						

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

