

# Sheriff



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## **ANOTHER CRESTVIEW RESIDENT CHARGED IN ATTEMPTED MURDER**



Jerrod Itzen

A second Crestview man has been charged with attempted premeditated murder in connection with his role in the August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 shooting of Joshua Armstrong. Armstrong was shot once in the head at his home but survived. The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office arrested triggerman James Dakota Ziglar on August 31<sup>st</sup>.



James Dakota Ziglar

During the course of the ongoing investigation, and after interviews with the victim, witnesses, and Ziglar, OCSO investigators determined 28-year old Jerrod Itzen was not only present during the shooting, but handled the weapon and then passed it to Ziglar. Ziglar then shot Armstrong in the head from about two feet away. Itzen grabbed the .380 caliber pistol and he and Ziglar fled the scene. Itzen threw the gun into a backyard at a home next door.

The pistol was recovered.

The OCSO arrested Itzen today, saying he willingly participated in and facilitated the attempted premeditated murder of Armstrong.

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

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REPORT NO: OCSO16ARR001498

Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO15OFF010989	Other No OCSO15CAD157024	OBTS
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[ SUSPECT ]

Last                      First                      Middle                      Title Race Sex DOB      Age Hgt Wgt  
ITZEN                      JERROD                      ALAN                           W    M    9/24/1987    28   5'07" 170  
Eyes Hair MNI Number      SSN                      ID.No.                      St    Type                      OCA/Agency ID  
BLU   BRO   OCSO11MNI017099    ██████████                                                                                     2115709/2145343

Birth Location: City: TUPELO County: State: MISSISSIPPI Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES Address

1250 E CHESTNUT CRESTVIEW FL 32539

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: , Job Title: UNEMPLOYED, Entered: 10/8/2011

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

\* none found in MNI \*

Street Names

\* none found in MNI \*

[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]

Occurred Date Range: 8/30/2015 18:20 to 8/30/2015 18:34      Lat / Long 30.75122 / -86.5474  
No.      Di    Street                      Apt/Lot City                      ST    Zip                      (GEO)  
1250      E    CHESTNUT AV                      CRESTVIEW                      FL    32539                      1 - 4 - PG22 - O-17

[ CHARGES ]

782.04.1a1

HOMICIDE

MURDER FIRST DEGREE PREMEDITATED

<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	Capital	Attempt	130A		912	

[ 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 incident. Upon arrival, deputies located the victim Joshua Armstrong with a gunshot wound to the forehead over his right eyebrow. The shooter was immediately identified as James Dakota Ziglar from the victim and multiple witnesses on scene. Information was later developed that co-defendant Jerrod Itzen was also present.

Co-defendant Jerrod Itzen was initially interviewed as a witness. This was done prior to Ziglar and Armstrong being interviewed. Co-defendant Itzen admits to being present during the shooting of Armstrong. Co-defendant Itzen stated Ziglar walked into the bedroom, looked at him and upon Armstrong turning around, Ziglar shot Armstrong in the head. Co-defendant Itzen stated he pushed by Ziglar and fled the residence. Co-defendant Itzen stated he looked back and saw Ziglar throw the pistol in the back yard of the adjacent property. Co-defendant Itzen denied ever touching the pistol.

Ziglar post Miranda provided the following information. Upon entering the residence (1250 East Chestnut Avenue Crestview) he sees Christina Rose and the co-defendant Jerrod Itzen sitting on the couch. Co-defendant Itzen put Ziglar's mother's pistol in his pocket and proceeds to Crystal Haynes bedroom. Ziglar walks into Haynes bedroom and sees co-defendant Itzen sitting on the bed "flashing" the pistol up and down. Haynes and Armstrong were engaged in a conversation about money. Armstrong started to walk away, when co-defendant Itzen handed him the pistol and he shot Armstrong in the head from approximately 2 feet away. Ziglar watched Armstrong drop to the floor, believing he had killed him. Co-defendant Itzen grabbed the pistol from him and they fled together to the backyard of the property next door (1252 East Chestnut Avenue, Crestview) where he saw co-defendant Itzen throw the pistol.

The victim Armstrong provided the following information. He and Christina Rose went to Haynes residence (1250 East Chestnut Avenue, Crestview) because he owed her money. Upon arriving, co-defendant Itzen opened the door and let

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them in. Armstrong stated Christina Rose sat on the couch and he went back to Haynes bedroom to give her the money he owed her. Armstrong and Haynes had a brief conversation, at which time co-defendant Itzen and Dakota Ziglar entered the bedroom. Armstrong sees co-defendant Itzen sit on the futon and started playing with a pistol, moving it back and forth between his hands. Upon seeing co-defendant Itzen hand Ziglar the pistol, he began fearing for his life. As Armstrong turns to take one step to leave, Ziglar who never looked at co-defendant Itzen proceeds to hold out his hand. Co-defendant Itzen passed off the pistol and in a continuous motion within seconds Ziglar points the pistol to his head and pulls the trigger. Armstrong then remembers someone going through his pockets. Armstrong stated the only individuals in the bedroom at the time of the shooting was co-defendant Itzen, Dakota Ziglar, Crystal Haynes and his girlfriend Christina Rose, was in the living room.

During the course of this investigation the weapon was recovered and identified as a 380 SIG SAUER pistol belonging to Ziglar's mother Cynthia Susan Ziglar. Co-defendant Itzen subsequently provided the pistol's exact location and admitted to touching the pistol prior to the shooting. Multiple interviews were conducted and based off the information received, it is evident that co-defendant Jerrod Itzen played a more active role in assisting Ziglar by providing him the means (pistol) to carry out the criminal act. Ziglar and co-defendant Itzen's actions were purposed and with intent to effect the death of Joshua Armstrong and as a result great bodily harm was inflicted upon Armstrong.

Therefore based off the victim, witness and co-defendant Itzen statements, I do believe there is probable cause that co-defendant Jerrod Itzen did willfully participated in and facilitate the attempted premeditated murder of Joshua Armstrong. This is in violation of F.S.S 782.04 (1) (a) (1). This offense occurred in Okaloosa County, Florida where I am a sworn law enforcement officer.

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Signature (Arresting Officer)      BACHTEL, RICHARD L      170  
Name      ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 18 day of February 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Supervisor Signature      Date      Supervisor Name ( Please Print )      Rank

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[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ ARREST INFORMATION ]

Arrested 2/17/2016 13:34	Residency Within jurisdiction	Injured Other Person	Extent of Injury Terminal	Resist No			
	Arrested Prior Yes	Arrest Jurisdiction Within jurisdiction	Alcohol No	Drugs No			
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City	ST	Zip	Lat / Long
1200	E	JAMES LEE BD		CRESTVIEW	FL	32539	30.7625 / -86.55806
Arresting Officer 170	BACHTEL, RICHARD L		Unit OCSO/ADMINSERV/JUDICIALPROC/CIVIL	(GEO) 1 - 5 - -	Officer Type		
Reporting Officer 076	STEVENSON, DEBRA L		Unit OCSO/FSV/INV/CID	Original Offense Jurisdiction OCSO			

Forward to for approval  
OCSO/FSV/INV/CID

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  
 PtIQ

Purge JAIL SVC BOX  
 SC \_\_\_\_\_

Return Court: CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY Date: 3/22/2016 Time: 13:30  
 Instructions: CRESTVIEW COURTHOUSE COURTROOM A

[ COURT INFORMATION ]

Court Judge Date  
 Sent **CIRCUIT**  
 Rcvd **CIRCUIT**  
 Court Case Number **15-10989**

Assigned To:

[ 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>Released To</u>	<u>Printed</u>	<u>Printed By</u>
	No	

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Court DispositionType

Court Disposition Description

[ ADDITIONAL PERSONS ]

COURT DISPOSITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- No Bill / Petition
- Issue Warrant
- Prosecution Approved

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Assistant State Attorney

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Date

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