

Sheriff



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May 9, 2014

OCSO ANNOUNCES ARREST OF DEPUTY SHERIFF

Sheriff Larry Ashley today announced that the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office has arrested an OCSO deputy on a felony charge of unlawful sexual activity with a minor.

31-year old Deputy Christopher Ball, who has been with the agency less than one year, is also suspended without pay pending termination.

"I demand, and our profession demands, that our deputies conduct themselves with the highest standards of integrity and moral conduct. Behavior that undermines that standard will absolutely not be tolerated. Within 24 hours our investigators had taken action to quickly and thoroughly determine the facts in this case and to carry out the appropriate steps to protect the public. We are now conducting a separate internal investigation and that information will be made public as well at the appropriate time," said Sheriff Larry Ashley.

OCSO Investigators say Ball became involved in a sexual relationship with a 17-year old girl in December 2013. During a forensic interview with the victim yesterday, she outlined that she and the defendant had sexual intercourse six times at three different locations. Investigators say Ball made admissions to being in an inappropriate relationship but denied sexual contact. He consented to a search of his cell phone and admitted some scantily clad and nude photos located on the phone were of the victim.

Ball had been hired May 20th, 2013.

(Arrest report attached.)



The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is accredited by the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation.

"The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office provides equal access and equal opportunity in employment and services and does not discriminate"

**OKALOOSA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE**1250 N. EGLIN PARKWAY
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(850)651-7400REPORT NUMBER
OCSO14ARR004869**ARREST REPORT**

Report Date / Time 05/08/2014 03:30 PM	Agency Case/Offense Number OCSO14OFF005136	OCA Number	Originating Agency Case Number	OBTS Number	Offender Based Transaction System	Jail Booking Number	Other Number OCSO14CAD081514
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LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

County OKALOOSA	Address [REDACTED] NICEVILLE, FL 32578	
Range of Occurrence Date/Time 12/01/2013 06:10 PM to 05/08/2014 06:10 PM	Latitude	Longitude

PERSON: SUSPECT

First Name CHRISTOPHER	Middle Name DAVID	Last Name BALL	Suffix	Date of Birth [REDACTED]	Age 31	Race W	Sex M	Height 6'01"	Weight 0	Hair	Eyes
Master Name Index Number OCSO14MNI005390	Place of Birth	Nation	SSN [REDACTED]	Driver's License or Other ID	State FL	Class or Type					
Address [REDACTED]		City FORT WALTON BEACH	County OKALOOSA	State FL	Zip Code	Phone [REDACTED]					

CHARGES

Counts 1	Charge Number 794.05.	Charge SEX ASSLT
Charge Degree SECOND	Charge Level FELONY	General Offense Code PRINCIPAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Hate Crime		<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence
Bond Amount		

PROBABLE CAUSE

Between the dates of December 2013 and April 2014 the defendant Christopher David Ball, age 31, was in a sexual relationship with Juvenile Victim [REDACTED] age 17.

On May 8, 2014, a forensic interview was completed with the victim at the Children's Advocacy Center in Niceville, Florida. During this forensic interview the victim disclosed that she was involved in a sexual relationship with the Defendant that began in late December 2013. During the interview she clearly stated she and the Defendant had sexual intercourse six times at three different locations, which are all located within Okaloosa County, Florida. Two times at the defendant's prior residence located at [REDACTED] Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547. Two times at her apartment located at [REDACTED] Mary Esther, FL, and two times at the defendant's current address located at [REDACTED] Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547.

Contact was made with a witness who provided a sworn statement stating she found out about the alleged relationship between the Defendant and the victim around March 2014 by accident when she discovered the victim was sexually active and taking birth control. The witness stated on May 3, 2014, she allowed the victim to move into her residence and made it known to the victim that she was to have no further communication with the Defendant. The witness also advised she went through the victim's text messages from April 7, 2014, through May 3, 2014. She advised there were several suggestive messages between the two, but nothing that outright said they were sexually involved.

On May 8, 2014 a search warrant was signed by the Honorable Judge Stone and executed on the victim's cellular telephone. A photograph was located of a female's buttocks wearing black underwear.

On May 9, 2014 the defendant was interviewed, post Miranda advisement, and gave several admissions to being in an inappropriate relationship, but denied sexual contact. He stated she was infatuated by him and he was flattered. He stated that if she was over eighteen years of age he would have had sex with her, and that he continued the relationship with her because "She would turn eighteen someday." After several denials he admitted that he was alone with the victim at all three locations where the sexual intercourse occurred.

During the interview he provided consent to search his cellular phone. On his phone was located several photos of a female in bra and panties as well as exposed breasts and pubic area in which the face was not visible. One photo of a female's buttocks wearing black underwear was located his phone, This is the same photo located on the victim's phone. When confronted with the photos he admitted that they were photos of the victim that she had taken and sent to him.

I have reason to believe and do believe the Defendant, Christopher David Ball is in violation of F.S.S. 794. 05, Unlawful sexual activity with certain minors. This offense did occur in Okaloosa County, where I am a sworn Investigator with the office of the sheriff.

LEO BOND

Bond Amount \$	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> ROR	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Pro
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COURT APPEARANCE INFORMATION

Court CIRCUIT COURT: FELONY	Court Phone	Court Date & Time 06/17/2014 03:30 PM
Court Address 1940 LEWIS TURNER BLVD		
Instructions		

ARREST INFORMATION

Arrest Date / Time 05/08/2014 03:30 PM	Residency Within jurisdiction	Injured None	Extent of Injury N/A	Resist Arrest No
Prior Arrests No	Arrest Jurisdiction Within jurisdiction	Alcohol No	Drugs No	

ARREST LOCATION

County	Address [REDACTED] NICEVILLE, FL 32578
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ARREST DELIVERED TO

Jail / Booking Facility	Location	Phone
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ARRESTING OFFICER

Officer Call Number 076	Officer Name SMITH, MICHAEL F	Officer Signature
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Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____ A.D., _____ by _____ who is __ personally known to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Signature

Notary Public __LEO __CO Commission No: _____ My Commission Expires: _____