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OCSO INVESTIGATING LAUREL HILL HOME INVASION

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is investigating a report of an armed home invasion at a house in Laurel Hill Wednesday morning. The homeowner fired his gun at the intruder but deputies say there is no indication inside or outside that anyone was struck. The bullet was found lodged in a kitchen microwave.

The resident at 7200 State Road 85 said he was home in his bedroom when someone broke into the house shortly after 11 a.m. and started trying to enter. He says he was able to see a hand and arm reaching in and it appeared the intruder had a handgun.

The resident fired his own gun through the bedroom door and the man fled. Deputies found indications the intruder may have forced his way into the house through the back door. An OCSO K9 was brought to the scene and established a track that ended on a nearby roadway.

Anyone with information on the break-in is asked to call the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office at 850-689-5705 or Emerald Coast Crime Stoppers at 850-863-TIPS.

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