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Date: November 28, 2009
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Offense: Attempted Kidnapping of a Child, Battery and Resisting Without Violence
Date/Time: November 27, 2009, 5:05 pm
Location: Longhorn Steakhouse Parking Lot, 544 Mary Esther Cutoff, Fort Walton Beach, Florida

SUSPECT INFORMATION:

Name: MICHAEL LEE OLIVER
Address: 762 Essex Road, Fort Walton Beach, Florida
Sex: Male
Race: Caucasian
Date of Birth: 02/20/1954

SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT: At approximately 5:10 pm, the police department was called regarding a vehicle that was parked in the grass at the Longhorn Steakhouse, located at 544 Mary Esther Cutoff. It was reported that an older white male had walked away from the vehicle. When the officers arrived on scene, they found a group of people struggling in the parking lot. When questioned, officers learned that two young ladies were in the parking lot of the Longhorn's Steakhouse parking lot. As they were reaching into the back seat of the car to assist their 9 and 10 year old children, a white male, later identified as Michael Lee Oliver walked toward them and stated that he was going to take the children. One of the females intercepted Oliver as he approached. Oliver is alleged to have pushed that female and struck her in the arm. Oliver is further alleged to have told the female that if she ever wanted to see the kids alive again, she better not fight him. By this time, the second female had also begun attempting to stop Oliver and a struggle ensued. Upon discovering what was taking place, 2 male workers from Longhorn's Steakhouse ran over and intervened, subduing Oliver until the office could restrain Oliver and take him into custody. Oliver was arrested and was subsequently remanded to the Okaloosa County Jail pending first appearance.

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Report Type . . : OFFN - OFFENSE-INCIDEN
 Agency Rpt Nbr : 1-09-034215
 Primary Offense: Kidnapping/False Imprisonment
 Report Officer : SAILOR, TRAVIS Report Date . . . 11/27/09 17:07
 Occur From Date: 11/27/09 17:00 Occur To Date . . . 11/27/09 17:07
 Street Dir . . : LONGHORN STEAKHOUSE, 544 NW MARY ESTHER CO
 City : FORT WALTON BEACH, FL
 Officer Review : MILLARD, ROBERT 11/28/09
 Case Status . . : Cleared by Arrest Case Status Dt 11/28/09

Offense Listing 1 of 3
 Case Number . . : 1-09-034215
 State Class . . : Kidnapping/False Imprisonment
 Attmp/Committ : COMMITTED
 Statute/Ordin : 787.01 (1A1)-KIDNAP - HOLD FOR
 UCR Disposition: Cleared by Arrest - adult
 Dispo Date . . : 11/27/09

Offense Listing 2 of 3
 Case Number . . : 1-09-034215 State Class . . : Battery - Simple
 Attmp/Committ : COMMITTED Statute/Ordin : 784.03 (1A1)
 UCR Disposition: Cleared by Arrest - adult
 Dispo Date . . : 11/27/09

Offense Listing 3 of 3
 Case Number . . : 1-09-034215 State Class . . : Resist Without Violence
 Attmp/Committ : COMMITTED Statute/Ordin : 843.02
 UCR Disposition: Cleared by Arrest - adult
 Dispo Date . . : 11/27/09

SUSP Suspect 1 of 1
 Case Number . . : 1-09-034215 Prompt valid in: OLIVER, MICHAEL
 Street Number : 702 ESSEX RD
 City : FORT WALTON BEACH, FL 32547
 Occupation . . : CONTRACTOR Race : White
 Sex : Male Age : 55
 Height : 510 Weight : 185

WITN Witness 1 of 3
 Case Number . . : 1-09-034215 Last Name . . : DRISCOLL, PATRICK
 Street Number : ██████████
 City : DESTIN, FL 32541 Sex : Male
 Race : White
 Age : 40

WITN Witness 2 of 3
 Case Number . . : 1-09-034215 Last Name . . : EMERZIAN, CHRISTI
 Street Number : ██████████
 City : CRESTVIEW, FL 32539 Sex : Female
 Race : White
 Age : 31

WITN Witness 3 of 3

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Case Number . . : 1-09-034215
Street Number . : [REDACTED]
City : SANTA ROSA BEACH, FL 32459
Race : White
Age : 39
Last Name . . . : WILBANKS, ROBERT
Sex : Male
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VICT Victim 1 of 4
Case Number . . : 1-09-034215 Prompt valid in HAMM, KIMBERLY
Street Number . : [REDACTED]
City : [REDACTED]
Race : [REDACTED]
Age : [REDACTED]
Sex : Female

VICT Victim 2 of 4
Case Number . . : 1-09-034215 Prompt valid in MORRIS, ANGIE
Street Number . : [REDACTED]
City : [REDACTED]
Race : White
Age : [REDACTED]
Sex : Female

VICT Victim 3 of 4
Case Number . . : 1-09-034215 Prompt valid in [REDACTED]
Street Number . : [REDACTED]
City : ATLANTA, GA 30278
Race : [REDACTED]
Age : [REDACTED]
Sex : [REDACTED]

VICT Victim 4 of 4
Case Number . . : 1-09-034215 Prompt valid in [REDACTED]
Street Number . : [REDACTED]
City : [REDACTED] 89
Race : [REDACTED]
Age : [REDACTED]
Sex : [REDACTED]

***** N A R R A T I V E # 1 *****
CAD: DISPATCH INFORMATION Reported By: SAILOR, TRAVIS 11/27/09
Entered By.: FIELDS, VICKI 11/27/09
Reviewed By: HUNT, CHANTILL R. 11/30/09

ASSAULT OR BATTERY / ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING/ WM DROVE UP IN WHITE
VEHICLE IN FRONT OF BUSINESS AND IS NOW WALKING TOWARDS BACK OF
RESTAURANT; VEHICLE IS STILL RUNNING/G-3010 ADDITIONAL INFO: WM OLDER
PONY TAIL W TX LONG HORN HAT; WHT HONDA CIVIC TX 7:6HNR

***** N A R R A T I V E # 2 *****
CAD: DS SAILOR Reported By: SAILOR, TRAVIS 11/27/09
Entered By.: SAILOR, TRAVIS 11/27/09
Reviewed By: MILLARD, ROBERT I. 11/30/09

WM MICHAEL LEE OLIVER 02-20-54 ARRESTED FOR BATTERY, ATTEMPTED CHILD
ABDUCTION AND RESISTING WITHOUT VIOLENCE; REPORT TO FOLLOW

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ORIGINAL NARRATIVE	Reported By: SAILOR, TRAVIS 11/27/09
	Entered By.: SAILOR, TRAVIS 11/27/09
	Reviewed By: MILLARD, ROBERT 11/29/09

On Friday, 11-27-2009, at approximately 1700 hours I was dispatched to 544 NW Mary Esther Cutoff in reference to an intoxicated male. The caller indicated that the individual had parked his vehicle on the grass next to the business, near some bushes. The individual was then seen walking away from the vehicle.

Upon my arrival on scene, I observed a white male wearing a blue jacket and blue jeans, later identified as Michael L. Oliver, in what appeared to be a physical confrontation with one other white male Robert Wilbanks and three white females Angie Morris, Kimberly Hamm, Christi Emerzian.

While making my way across the parking lot I observed another white male Patrick Driscoll approach Oliver from behind and place him in a headlock.

I exited my patrol vehicle announced who I was and immediately proceeded to place Oliver into custody until I could determine what kind of a situation I was out on.

Oliver immediately began actively resisting my attempts to place him into handcuffs by pulling his arms away. I advised Oliver on several occasions to stop resisting or he faced being "tased". Oliver ignored all of my requests to stop resisting. I deployed my X-26 Taser, removed the front cartridge and delivered a dry stun to Oliver's the left thigh. Oliver finally became compliant and allowed this officer to restrain him.

During the course of my investigation, I observed that Oliver appeared to be under the influence of something. Oliver's behavior kept changing from happy, to angry, to quite simply crying; Oliver's speech was lethargic and he was quite hard to understand at times.

According to sworn written statements provided by both Morris and Hamm, Oliver walked towards Hamm's vehicle in which Morris's [redacted] and [redacted] were in the back seat. Oliver kept repeating "I'm going to take the children; if you fight me you will never see them again."

Morris stated she positioned herself between Oliver and the girls and kept trying to push him away from the vehicle. Oliver however, kept approaching and pushing his way towards the vehicle in spite of Morris's actions. Oliver at one point struck Morris in the upper left arm.

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Hamm stated she kept pleading with Oliver to leave her family alone.

Hamm stated she was very thankful to the employees of Longhorn Steakhouse (Emerzian and Driscoll) who intervened and assisted her and Morris. Based on Oliver's actions and physical stature at the time of arrest; I truly believe that without the interference of Driscoll, Wilbanks, and Emerzian, Oliver would have pushed his way to the vehicle and quite possible taken the children.

It's unknown to this officer what was fueling Oliver's actions or what his mental state was at the time of this incident. However, Oliver was lucid enough to fight Morris, Hamm, Driscoll, Wilbanks, Emerzian and myself.

Oliver was arrested for attempted kidnapping, battery and resisting without violence.

Since the original call referred to a vehicle being operated by Oliver, an examination of the vehicle was conducted prior to the vehicle being towed from the scene by rotation wrecker (Gator's Towing). In Oliver's vehicle we found several different prescriptions which belonged to Oliver. The prescription pills were taken and accounted for as Oliver's property. This officer detected no odor of alcohol on Oliver's person.

During the booking process officers attempted to take major case prints from Oliver. However, Oliver had undressed while in the cell. Officer Schlager was assisting this officer and attempting to convince Oliver to put his clothes back on. Oliver charged at Schlager forcing him to slam the cell door closed. I then attempted to have Oliver dress; again Oliver charged at this officer, I placed my right hand on Oliver's chest, withdrew the taser and advised Oliver that if he did not curb his behavior I would "tase" him for the second time. Oliver finally calmed down slightly and completed dressing. However, due to Oliver's unpredictable behavior we were not able to complete major case prints from Oliver.

Oliver was transported to the County Jail in Crestview by this officer and released into the custody of corrections officers.

This case is closed with an arrest.