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LCSO Arrest Armed Robbery Suspect

Last night at approximately 10:40p.m., Leon County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Raceway Gas Station located at 6323 Blountstown Way in reference to an armed robbery. The store clerk reported a male subject asked if he had change for \$100 and placed several items on the checkout counter as if to make a purchase. The subject then told the clerk he was robbing the store, indicated he had a firearm and would shoot the clerk if he did not comply. The clerk opened the cash drawer and the subject grabbed an undisclosed amount of money from the register. The suspect then fled the store and was last seen running west on Blountstown Highway. The suspect was described as a black male, short in stature with a slender build wearing a red jacket and jeans. Several customers were at the store during this robbery, no one was injured.

During this investigation, Deputy Lee Shoemaker developed leads which identified Melvin Alexander as a person who is known to frequent the store and matched the physical description of the suspect. Deputy Shoemaker identified a house on the corner of Barineau Road and Ellenman Lane which Alexander may have been living. Alexander was located at the residence, but initially denied any knowledge of the robbery. Alexander fit the suspect description and after witnesses identified him as the person who robbed the store, Alexander stated he did commit the robbery. No firearm or cash was located or recovered. Alexander was arrested, without incident, for armed robbery and booked into the Leon County Jail.

Arrested:

Melvin Alexander
DOB: 06/16/1964

Charge:

Armed Robbery



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