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Richard Weeks Arrested with Sawed Off Shotgun

Today, Leon County Sheriff's Deputies were notified by the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office that Richard Weeks may be traveling to Tallahassee to confront his doctor, who Weeks believed was not treating him correctly. Weeks had been seen by his physician this morning at the Center for Pain Management located at 2824 Mahan Drive. After his appointment Weeks returned to his residence in Crawfordville where he armed himself with a shotgun. It was reported that Weeks had discharged the shotgun prior to leaving for Tallahassee.

At approximately 12:50p.m., Lt. Barry Blackburn located Weeks driving on Capital Circle Southwest. A traffic stop was conducted at Woodville Highway and Larchmont Drive where Weeks was taken into custody without incident. A search of Weeks vehicle revealed he was in possession of a loaded shotgun and rifle, along with 44 rounds of ammunition. Several rounds of ammunition were found in Weeks front shirt pocket. Weeks advised he was not satisfied with the treatment he had received earlier in the morning and had thought about harming himself or others. According to Weeks when he arrived at the Center for Pain Management he decided against violence and was returning home when he was stopped.

During this investigation it was determined the shotgun which was discovered during the traffic stop had been illegally modified. The barrel had been sawed off and was only 15 inches long, instead of the legally required 18 inches. Weeks was arrested for Possession of a Short Barreled Shotgun and is being held in the Leon County Jail without bond.

Arrested

Richard W. Weeks
DOB: 01/18/1968



Charge

Possession of a Short Barreled Shotgun

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