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### **LCSO Deputies Arrest One in Stolen Truck Containing Handgun**

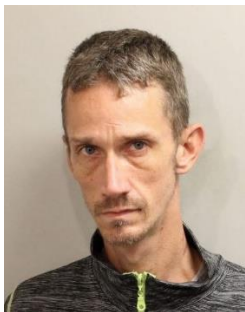
On May 6, 2020, around noon, LCSO deputies responded to the area of Ashley Hill Road in reference to a vehicle theft that had just occurred. The vehicle was described as a blue Chevrolet truck with other specific identifiers. Deputies were also advised there was a 9mm Smith & Wesson Luger handgun inside the truck.

While responding to the scene, deputies observed a vehicle matching the description of the stolen truck, and another vehicle later determined to be driven by the victim, stopped at the intersection of Swatts Road and Old Bainbridge Road. On scene, deputies made contact with the victim and the suspect, 34-year-old Dustin Mandrell. Further investigation revealed the victim was washing the truck in front of a residence while Mandrell was riding an electric scooter in the area. The victim advised deputies the keys were inside the truck, along with the handgun. The victim went inside the residence, for a moment, when he witnessed Mandrell enter the truck and drive away. The victim followed Mandrell in another vehicle until deputies made contact with them at the intersection.

Mandrell admitted to riding a scooter around the residence and noticed the door was open on the victim's truck. He admitted to getting inside the truck, containing the firearm, and driving away without the victim's permission.

The 9mm Smith & Wesson Luger handgun was located under the steering wheel of the truck. Both the truck and handgun were turned over to the victim on scene.

Mandrell was arrested and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility.



**ARRESTED:** Dustin Mandrell

**DOB:** 2/22/1986

**CHARGES:** Grand Theft Motor Vehicle

Grand Theft Firearm



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