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LCSO Deputies Make Arrest in Aggravated Assault Investigation

On February 18, 2021, Leon County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a business located in the 5700 block of Blountstown Highway in reference to someone threatening another person with a firearm. Upon arrival, deputies learned a victim and 22-year-old Javaruis Pearson were involved in a verbal altercation inside the business. After threatening the victim, Pearson exited the store and retrieved an AK-47 rifle from inside his vehicle. Security video showed Pearson attempting to go inside the store with the rifle to confront the victim, however, witnesses physically restrained Pearson from going inside the business. Pearson fled before deputies arrived on scene.

Through investigative means, deputies learned of a possible location of Pearson at a residence in the 3800 block of Mission Trace Boulevard. Pearson also made telephone contact with deputies and stated he wished to speak with them about the incident.

Further investigation revealed Pearson was at the store at the time of the incident and was involved in an altercation with the victim. Pearson retrieved the AK style rifle from his vehicle but advised he had no intention of shooting the victim. Inside the residence, deputies located and seized an AK style rifle and a magazine containing 14 live ammunition rounds. Deputies seized the firearm.

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



ARRESTED: Javaruis Pearson

DOB: 4/10/99

CHARGES: Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Improper Exhibition of a Firearm



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