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## **Man Arrested After Firing Gun During Dispute**

Yesterday, about 4:45 P.M., deputies with the Leon County Sheriff's Office were called to the 9500 block of Apalachee Parkway in reference to a physical altercation at a business. The person who called 911 told the dispatcher someone was shooting and gunshots could be heard in the background.

When deputies arrived on scene, they discovered there had been a verbal altercation between two neighbors, 35-year-old Johnathan Blackburn and 62-year-old Robert Kendrick. This altercation was a continuation of an ongoing issue between the two.

Video from the scene showed Blackburn and Kendrick exchange words and Blackburn walk to the back of the business to get items to purchase. Kendrick left the store and got into the driver's side of a vehicle in the parking lot. When Blackburn exited the store, he went to Kendrick's vehicle, on the driver's side, to continue to talk to Kendrick. At this time, Kendrick sprayed Blackburn with pepper spray. Blackburn then went back into the store. 55-year-old John McLeod was a passenger in Kendrick's vehicle.

After a few minutes, Blackburn left the store and walked to his vehicle on the opposite side of the parking lot from Kendrick's vehicle. He then walks to another vehicle that had just pulled in near his. That vehicle was occupied by a woman and her 13-year-old daughter. It appears as though all three original parties were arguing as Blackburn approached the other vehicle. McLeod can then be seen pointing a firearm out of the passenger side of Kendrick's vehicle. McLeod then shoots at Blackburn twice with a .22 caliber Derringer, loaded with rat shot. Blackburn was hit once in the ear and once in the arm. Blackburn then ran inside the store. McLeod was inside Kendrick's vehicle and about 25 feet away from Blackburn and the other vehicle when he shot the firearm.

All parties were interviewed about the incident and Blackburn declined to pursue charges in this incident. Based on interviews and video evidence, McLeod was arrested and taken to the Leon County Detention Facility for Discharging a Firearm in Public from a Vehicle within 1,000 feet of any Person.



**NAME:** John McLeod

**AGE:** 55

**CHARGES:**

Discharging a Firearm in Public from a Vehicle within 1,000 feet of any Person



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