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March 6, 2025

An aggravated battery suspect who initially refused to come out of his Destin home despite orders from Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office deputies was eventually tased and taken into custody.

53-year old Alexander Ratikan of Sibert Avenue is charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and resisting an officer without violence.

Deputies were called to his home March 1st. The victim says he shoved her down, causing her to hit her head and black out. She says when she regained consciousness, Ratikan was standing over her with a knife cutting her neck. Deputies observed lacerations to her neck consistent with cuts from a knife.

Video footage from Ratikan's bedroom shows the victim being grabbed and thrown out the door. He denies using a knife to batter her.

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Feb. 24, 2025

A recent search of micro-SD cards seized during a search warrant at a Crestview man's house led to the discovery of more than 30 child pornography files.

Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office deputies executed the search warrant February 19th after locating incriminating information during an analysis of a computer software sharing process.

Christopher Vogel was charged with possession of child pornography and taken to the Okaloosa County Jail in Crestview.

During an ongoing digital forensic investigation, investigators found evidence on Vogel's cell phone that he had sexually abused a child and produced child pornography at his residence.

On February 21st, the OCSO added charges for Sexual Battery of a Victim under 12 and eight counts of Production of Child Pornography. The judge has since denied bond for Vogel and he remains in the Okaloosa County Jail in Crestview.

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