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Warrant Service (This Agency)ESCAMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
1700 W LEONARD ST

Report Date / Time 9/17/2025 09:18 PM	Report Number PPDCHG0010030M	Case Number/Cad Number PPD25OFF007017 / PPD25CAD055637	Reporting Officer Name ECISO, DEPUTY SERVED
Originating Agency ORI FL0170100	Occur Date Time Range 09/14/2025 18:13:13 - 09/14/2025 19:00:00	Jurisdiction REGION 1	
OBTS Number 1707046979	Other Number	Clearance	

Location of Occurrence

County ESCAMBIA	Location Type	Location Description TRESTLE FL GULF & ATLANTIC RAILROAD			
Street Number N 17TH AVE	Street	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City PENSACOLA	State FL	Zip Code

Suspect

First Name LARRY	Middle Name WAYNE	Last Name HOPKINS	Suffix II	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height 508	Weight 170	Hair BROWN	Eyes BLUE
MNI # PPD90MNI104930	SSN [REDACTED]	Date of Birth 03/11/1976	Age 49	ID Type WISCA	Drivers License or other ID [REDACTED]	State FL	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:									
Address [REDACTED] 4 [REDACTED] 3									

Charge :

Counts 1	Charge 784.03.2	Bond Amount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Bond
Charge Degree T	Charge Level FELONY		
General Offense Code COMPLETED	Arrest Offense Code BATTERY		
Charge Description 2ND OR SUBSQ OFF			
Administrative Code - Description -			

Bond Set by Charges

Bond Amount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Bond
Bond Type(s)	

Probable Cause

On 9/14/25, at approximately 1813 hours, Officer Pritzkau was patrolling area at (The Trestle Graffiti Bridge) at the intersection of Bayfront Parkway and 17th Avenue, for the Candle Lights Event for Charlie Kirk. Officer Pritzkau observed civilians crowding underneath the Graffiti Bridge.

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Officer Pritzkaï attempted to disperse the crowd and observed a white male with a red beard and bald head, wearing a black shirt and a black male with dark long hair, wearing a white shirt, whom was later identified as Sean Sims (Sims), screaming in each others face. Sims stated he was pepper sprayed in the face, and he threw himself toward the ground, screaming in pain. Other civilians on the scene helped move Sims off the roadway to keep vehicle traffic flowing. While moving Sims, Sims was holding a can of spray paint. EMS responded and Sims was transported to the hospital. Sims stated his skin was burning and his head hurt from someone hitting him.

On 09/15/2025, I made contact with Sims via phone call. Sims provided me a video of the event. I reviewed the video. In the video I observed Sims walk up to the bridge. He doesn't say anything to anyone. Sims starts to spray paint the graffiti bridge. A white male holding a sign and flag swats at Sims. Sims begins to tell the unknown male to stop touching him. Sims starts backing up, and saying "Woah Woah, don't touch me".

Another different male is seen charging at Sims in an aggressive manner. The male attempts to strike Sims. Sims is continuously backing up. Sims raises his spray paint can, and sprays towards the male who is charging towards him. The male is then seen removing a can from his right pocket and pointing it at Sims.

The phone drops to the ground and the video stops. Sims stated when the phone fell, he was tackled to the ground by a third unknown male. Sims said he was hit in the head and also kicked before people started separating the suspects from him.

On 09/15/2025, an anonymous crime tip was recieved. "Attached is an screen shot of one of the individual, Wayne Hopkins, confessing to assaulting the male painting over the Charlie Kirk memorial". The tipster provided a screen shot from Wayne Hopkins' Facebook page.

The facebook post said:

"Proud to be a part of this tonight! To the guy that ran up & painted on Charlie's mural... I hope when I knocked you out with my elbow across the back of your neck when you were being a coward & running away felt good. I'm glad you left in an ambulance tonight. The way you cried victim was exactly what I expected you to do. You are human trash & I'm glad the police had to come pick you off the ground when I knocked you out. To the guy that pepper sprayed you on the ground... Kudos sir! I will never sit back & let something like that happen. You deserved what you got! If anybody happens to see video of this please send it to me so I can smile."

The post was made from a Facebook Account located at <https://facebook.com/wayne.hopkins.52>. I identified the Facebook page as, Larry Wayne Hopkins II. I located his phone number through law enforcement databases. I called Hopkins, and the phone conversation was recorded. Hopkins acknowledged he was at the Graffiti Bridge on 09/14/2025. I asked Hopkins to describe to me what

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happened from his perspective. Hopkins stated he saw a black male spray paint the mural. Hopkins described that an unknown white male was chasing the black male. Hopkins said the black male was running away backwards and ran into him.

I asked Hopkins if the black male ever threatened him. Hopkins said no. I asked if the black male ever sprayed his spray paint at him. Hopkins said no. I clarified that Hopkins' first name is Larry but he goes by Wayne. Hopkins clarified, yes, his first name is Larry but he goes by Wayne.

I asked Hopkins if he was aware that people were taking screen shots of his facebook posts and provided the posts to law enforcement. Hopkins acknowledged the facebook post, but again said he struck him in self defense. I read "I hope when I knocked you out with my elbow across the back of your neck" to Hopkins and asked how that was self defense. Hopkins said because while the male was running backwards he ran into me. I explained to Hopkins that is not a reason to elbow strike someone and not self defense.

Through law enforcement resources, I identified the white male who pepper sprayed Sims as Troy Grow. Troy Grow made several posts about the event on his facebook page. I called Grow and conducted an interview. The interview was recorded. Grow stated right before the vigil started and unknown male spray painted the mural. Grow stated him and several other men grabbed the male and pulled him off of the mural. Grow stated the male then sprayed him with gold spray paint. While Sims was spraying Grow with spray paint, an unknown white male tackled Sims to the ground. Grow then explained someone sprayed pepper spray. Initially Grow denied spraying pepper spray. I advised Grow, the male was recording everything. Grow then admitted to spraying Sims with pepper spray. I asked what type of pepper spray it was. Grow said "the type you buy from the store". Grow explained he always keeps pepper spray on him. Grow explained he was upset that Sims spray painted the Graffiti Bridge and thought Sims' actions were disrespectful.

On 09/16/2025, a photo line up was conducted with Sims. Detective Martinez presented the photo line up to Sims. Sims positively identified Grow as the person who tried to punch him and sprayed him with pepper spray.

Based on all statements, video footage, and circumstances, the evidence shows Grow and Hopkins battered Sims. I reviewed Grow's criminal history. Grow was convicted of battery on 02/03/1995, and 06/27/2013. I reviewed Hopkins' criminal history. Hopkins was convicted of battery on 04/16/1997, and 10/01/2001. Based on both having two prior battery convictions, the evidence shows they violated F.S.S. 784.03.2, Felony Battery.

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Warrant #PPD25WAR000779

PER JUDGE MILLER: NO BOND PENDING FIRST APPEARANCE

Jail Booking Facility

Booking Date/Time 9/17/2025 12:00 AM	Booking County ESCAMBIA	Booking Facility ESCAMBIA COUNTY JAIL	Booking Facility Phone (850) 436-9650
Booking Facility Location 3080 N PACE BLVD PENSACOLA, FLORIDA 32505			Booking Number
Booking Comments			

Court

Court County ESCAMBIA	Court Location 190 W. GOVERNMENTAL CENTER PENSACOLA, FL 32502 PAYABLE ONLINE AT: WWW.PAY.ESCAMBIACLERK.COM		
Court ESCAMBIA CIRCUIT COURT	Court Phone 850-483-8468	Court Appearance Date / Time 10/10/2025 8:30AM	Court Fine
Comments			

Warrant Service

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Location Type	Location Description	
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City PENSACOLA	State FL	Zip Code

Officer Name Rank / ID #	Involvement On Report / Reporting Role	Officer Agency Org/Unit
BOZELL, RILEY REBECC POLICE OFC B267	REPORTING OFFICER	PENSACOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT PPD\ADMIN\TRAINING & ACCREDITATION
ECSO, DEPUTY SERVED ECSO 999		ESCAMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ESCAMBIA SHERIFFS OFFICE
ROBINSON, AMANDA SUPERVISOR B011		PENSACOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT PPD\CID\CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS
GRANTHAM, CHRISTOPHE SERGEANT A672		PENSACOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT PPD\CID\CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

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The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the probable cause associated with this report:

Arresting Officer

Officer Name ECSO, DEPUTY SERVED	Office Rank ECSO	Officer ID No 999	Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the <u>21st</u> day of <u>9/17/25</u> , DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT
Officer Agency ESCAMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE			
Officer Signature <i>[Signature]</i> B 267			<i>[Signature]</i> 403

☐ No Bill / Petition
 ☐ Issue Warrant
 ☐ Prosecution Approved

Signature of Assistant State Attorney

Date

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