



Department of Corrections



Okaloosa County Department of Corrections
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PRESS RELEASE

October 10, 2024 - Okaloosa County Department of Corrections Announces Arrest of Contracted Employee for Smuggling Devices into Jail Crestview, FL

On October 3, 2024, 26-year-old Corey Shaun Labauve was arrested and booked into the Okaloosa County Jail on charges of smuggling vapor-generating devices and cellphones into the same facility where he was employed. Labauve worked as a contracted employee at the jail for approximately 30 days before the conclusion of an in-depth departmental investigation, which ultimately led to his arrest.

Chief Correctional Officer Nolan Weeks emphasized the gravity of the offense and the dedication of his team to ensuring the security of the facility. "The smuggling of contraband into a correctional facility is a serious offense that directly threatens the safety and order of our operations. We are committed to a zero-tolerance approach when it comes to illegal activities within our walls. Our team will continue to swiftly and vigilantly root out any criminal behavior to ensure a secure environment for both our staff and inmates."

Chairman of the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners, Paul Mixon, praised the department's efforts, stating, "I commend the outstanding investigative work conducted by the corrections team. Their dedication to upholding the safety and security of our facility is evident in their swift action. We are grateful for their continued efforts in maintaining a controlled environment that prioritizes the well-being of everyone involved."

Labauve was arrested by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and is currently being held at the Okaloosa County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.

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