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Man arrested in Taser case

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Ocala police have arrested a man accused by a homeowner of attempting to force his way inside his home and also of trying to hit him with a Taser.

Cimion Joseph Akerman, 21, who told police he is homeless, was booked at the Marion County Jail early Thursday, charged with attempted robbery- home invasion with weapon.



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Cimion Joseph Akerman
Cimion Joseph Akerman
Marion County Sheriff's Office mugshot

On Sept. 25, a man told officers he heard a knock on the door at his residence in the 900 block of Northeast 11th Avenue. When he opened the door, two unknown men, one of whom had a Taser in his left hand, were standing outside. The man said he saw the one holding the Taser activate the electronic shocking device, so he quickly tried to shut the door. The two men pushed on it, trying to get inside, and the man with the Taser tried to hit him with it, reports state.

The homeowner gave police a description of the two men.

In addition, police also had received a number other calls about people being robbed by two or three unknown men who were armed with Tasers, pepper-spray and handguns. The descriptions were all similar. One of the suspects was known to have a green beach cruiser-style bicycle.

Four days after the incident with the homeowner, an officer saw some people gathered at the downtown gazebo and saw the bicycle, which, he was told, was being ridden by Akerman.

Detective Scott Rowe found some records on Akerman, and he was identified by the homeowner as one of the men who had been at the door and as the one who had been carrying the Taser.

On Wednesday, police found Akerman loitering by the Amtrak Station and he was arrested. Officers still are working to find the other men.

Anyone with information can call OPD at 369-7000 or Crime Stoppers at 368-STOP, text a tip to 274637 using keyword 368-STOP or visit www.ocalacrimestoppers.com.

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