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Sworn Complaint

ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE
2621 SE HAWTHORNE RD

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Report Date / Time 1/9/2025 07:59 AM	Report Number ASOCHG00034350S	Case Number/Cad Number ASO25OFF000219 / 010925-0173	Reporting Officer Name DEPETE, RYAN R
Originating Agency ORI FL0010000	Occur Date Time Range 01/06/2025 07:53:29 - 01/09/2025 16:08:00	Jurisdiction ASO	
OBTS Number	Other Number	Clearance	

Location of Occurrence

County ALACHUA	Location Type OTHER	Location Description ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE			
Street Number 2621	Street SE HAWTHORNE RD.	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City GAINESVILLE	State FL	Zip Code 32641

Suspect

First Name THOMAS	Middle Name LEE	Last Name DOWLING	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height 5'09"	Weight 270	Hair BLN	Eyes BLU
MNI # ASO17MNI000321	SSN [REDACTED]	Date of Birth 11/18/1996	Age 28	ID Type ID CARD	Drivers License or other ID D238093730000	State FL	OCA / Agency ID 201700044	Place of Birth: UNITED STATES	
Address * RESIDENCE / 943 NW 34TH AVE , GAINESVILLE, FL 32605 / 352-301-2265									

Warrant Affidavit

Sent to Court Date/Time 1/10/2025 9:00:00 AM	Affidavit Status SENT TO STATE ATTORNEY	Affidavit Disposition	Affidavit Disposition Date/Time
Court County ALACHUA	Court ALACHUA COUNTY COURT (CRIMINAL)	Court Location 220 SOUTH MAIN STREET GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32601 (WWW.ALACHUACLERK.ORG)	
Comments ALACHUA COUNTY CLERK OF THE COURT 220 SOUTH MAIN STREET GAINESVILLE, FL 32602 (WWW.ALACHUACLERK.ORG)			

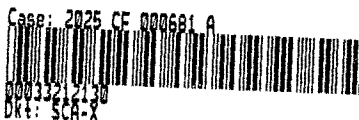
Charge :

Counts 1	Charge 775.21.6f	Bond Amount \$0.00	Bond
Charge Degree T	Charge Level FELONY	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond 25 JAN 10 AM 2:25 FILED OK 57	
General Offense Code COMMITTED	Arrest Offense Code SEX PRED VIOLATION		
Charge Description SEX PREDATOR FAIL TO REPORT TO DHSMV			
Administrative Code - Description			

Probable Cause

On January 7, 2025, while I was assigned to the Sexual Predator/Offender Unit as a detective with the Alachua

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County Sheriff's Office (ACSO), I received an email from Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) in reference to a sexual predator who had a change of address. The sexual predator was Thomas Lee Dowling (DEFENDANT).

The "Sexual Predator Act" per FSS 775.21 requires the Sheriff's Office to notify the community and the public of a sexual predator's presence in the community, due to a change of address. Before I create a media release of a sexual predator, I conduct a query of the individual through the FDLE sexual predator/offender state-wide database, which accessed by law enforcement to verify the new permanent address provided by the individual.

I reviewed Dowling's information through the FDLE state-wide database and retrieved the following information: On November 20, 2018, Dowling was designated a sexual predator by the competent authority of the court in Alachua County, Florida following a conviction of Sexual Battery by Adult on Victim 12-17 years of Age/Injury not Likely per FSS 794.011(5)(a). Because Dowling is a designated sexual predator, he is required to register four (4) times a year, on his birthday month (November) and every three (3) months thereafter (February, May, and August). On January 6, 2025, Dowling registered as a sexual predator at the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Department of the Jail (ACSO-DOJ), and provided a new permanent address of 943 NW 34th Ave. Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida. Prior to Dowling residing at his new address he had a transient address of 3055 NE 28th Dr. Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida. Upon further review, I found that Dowling's Florida identification did not reflect his new permanent address, as his identification card showed his previous transient address (General Delivery with a zip code of 32609).

Each time Dowling's Florida identification card is subject to renewal, or within forty-eight (48) hours after any change in his permanent, temporary, or transient residence or change in name made by marriage or other legal process, Dowling must report in person to a driver license office to update his identification card and ensure the identification card has the correct designation (sexual predator or FSS 943.0435 for offenders). As of January 9, 2025, Dowling has failed to report to the driver license office to update his Florida identification card with his new permanent address.

When Dowling registered at the ACSO-DOJ on January 6, 2025, he was provided with the FDLE Sexual Predator/Offender Registration Form along with the Notice of Sexual Predator and Sexual Offender Obligations. The six (6) page document outlined what is required of Dowling as a sexual predator in the State of Florida. Dowling signed the document stating he had read or was read the six (6) page document and understood what was required of him. The forty-eight (48) time period has passed from January 6, 2025 for Dowling to update his Florida identification, and there is no grace period. Dowling has been charged with one (1) count of Failure to Report to DHSMV per FSS 775.21(6)(f).

Officer Name Rank / ID #	Involvement On Report / Reporting Role	Officer Agency Org/Unit
DEPETE, RYAN R DEPUTY 1381	REPORTING OFFICER	ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE DETECTIVES\SPECVICS\SGT\ASSIGNED

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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:

Reporting Officer  **1381**

Officer Name **DEPETE, RYAN R** Office Rank **DEPUTY** Officer ID No **1381**

Officer Agency
ALACHUA COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

Officer Signature 

Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority
This the 9th day of JANUARY, 2025
DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT

pl  **R/360**

No Bill / Petition Issue Warrant Prosecution Approved

Signature of Assistant State Attorney

Date