

Press Release

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Convicted felon Richard A. Williams had his ten year career with Well Bilt Industries in Williston ended yesterday when he brought a handgun to work and threatened to kill any co-worker who said anything. Word of the gun did get to management, who called the police. Sergeant Matt Fortney of the Williston Police Department responded, interviewed all parties, recovered the gun, which Williams had hidden in a piece of pipe, and arrested Williams.

Williams had killed another man twenty years before in Bradford County. Williams served time and was released until yesterday's outburst. He is now 50 years old and resides in the 400 block of Southeast Third Street in Williston.

Williams had been physically and emotionally abusing his girl friend for the past year, which went unreported until his arrest. Williams had recently received a notice of repossession for his vehicle and was behind in other payments despite his \$22 an hour job as a manufacturing superintendent. Police obtained a search warrant for his vehicle and discovered ammunition for the gun, which is also illegal for a felon to possess. Williams was transported to the Levy County jail and will go before a judge Thursday morning.

The Police applaud Well Bilt's business owner Carol Bilt for acting decisively to report this workplace violence immediately.

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