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MAN RE-ARRESTED FOR FIGHTING WITH GIRLFRIEND AT JAIL

When Volusia County Sheriff's deputies arrested 20-year-old Shaham Waheed on Saturday for the second time in two days, they didn't have to go far to transport him to the jail. In fact, he was already there -- in the parking lot fighting with his girlfriend, who had just arrived to pick him up following Waheed's release from the first arrest.

The string of events started at about 7:46 p.m. Friday night, when an employee at an ice cream shop in Deltona called the Sheriff's Office and asked for a deputy to be dispatched to the business to help deal with a couple of unruly customers. The caller said the couple had made a mess and was screaming, cursing and being nasty. She even said the man warned the employees: "Don't make me have to bring my gun in here." Before deputies arrived, the couple had zoomed off on their motorcycle. But a deputy responding to the call spotted the motorcycle shortly before 8 p.m. traveling along Catalina Boulevard and tried to pull it over. The motorcycle initially refused to stop and instead accelerated at a high rate of speed and illegally crossed a double yellow line in order to pass other motorists in an effort to get away. Deputies eventually were able to stop the motorcycle along Eustace Avenue in Deltona. Waheed (DOB: 1/7/92), who was operating the bike, was charged with reckless driving and fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer. The woman riding on the back of the motorcycle, Waheed's 22-year-old girlfriend, was let go at the scene.

At around 5 a.m. Saturday morning, Waheed was released from the Volusia County Branch Jail in Daytona Beach. But he only got as far as the parking lot. At 5:13 a.m., a corrections officer called the Sheriff's Office to report a disturbance in the jail parking lot. Witnesses reported seeing Waheed argue with his girlfriend, chase her around the parking lot and punch her in the face twice. The witnesses said the first punch knocked the victim off balance and the second one sent her crashing into the glass wall of the jail lobby. Both Waheed and his girlfriend initially denied that they had been in a physical altercation. However, the victim's face was red from the punches. Neither would say what they were arguing about. Waheed was re-arrested and charged with battery.

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