

Man charged with indecent exposure at Publix on Nine Mile

A man was arrested Friday morning on indecent exposure, battery and burglary charges after an encounter with a woman in the Publix parking lot on Nine Mile Road near University Drive.



Smith

Deputies said that at about 7 a.m. Keith William Smith, 44, of Pensacola approached a woman who was inside a parked car in the grocery store parking lot, opened the door, grabbed her arm and pulled her hand toward his

genitals.

Smith was wearing only a T-shirt at the time of the incident, deputies said.

The victim said she kicked at Smith, who let her go and fled the scene in a gray Saturn, deputies said.

A witness got the license plate number as the car drove away, and deputies located Smith at a relative's home about noon.

Smith was identified by the victim, arrested and taken to Escambia County Jail.

Smith was charged with burglary, battery and lewd and indecent exposure and is being held on \$9,000 bond.

The University of West Florida issued text-message and e-mail alerts to students and faculty Friday morning because of the campus's close proximity to the incident.