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NEWS RELEASE

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Weekend Roundup July 21st-24th

Aggressive Neighbors, A Threatening Suspect, and Reckless Drivers Highlight the Weekend

BUNNELL, FL – Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies made 23 arrests last weekend between 6am on July 21st, 2023, and 6am on July 24th, 2023. Over the weekend, deputies handled 890 calls for service and made 158 traffic stops.

Palm Coast Man Arrested for Spraying Woman with Garden Hose

On Friday night, FCSO deputies responded to a home on Treetop Circle after a woman called to report that an unknown female had pointed a firearm at her husband.

After investigating the incident, deputies determined the reporting party, Jeffrey Rutfield, 62, had been the one to escalate the incident by spraying the victim in the face with a garden hose after yelling at her for allegedly being on his property line.

The victim said that while she was retreating to her vehicle, Rutfield followed her while yelling at her which put her in fear that she was going to be attacked so she displayed a firearm for her safety. Once Rutfield went back inside, the victim put away the firearm and stood by in her vehicle and waited for deputies to arrive.

After reviewing the evidence, deputies determined the victim was not on Rutfield's property, and he had followed her to her vehicle in an aggressive manner.

Rutfield was arrested for Simple Battery. He was transported to Advent Health for medical clearance and then to Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility without incident. He was later released from jail.

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Jeffrey Rutfield was arrested for Simple Battery.

Man Arrested After Destroying Property, Threatening Deputies and Himself

On Sunday night, FCSO deputies were called to a home on Fulton Pl, where they located Devin Manrique, 33, as he engaged in a verbal dispute with family members on scene. Prior to Deputies arrival, family members told deputies that Devin had broken several items outside of the residence.

After Devin was secured, he started to resist Deputies. Devin then threatened to "hunt down" and "find" deputies on scene. Devin was Trespassed from the residence and arrested for Criminal Mischief, Resisting Arrest Without Violence, and Corruption by Threat Against a Public Servant.

Once at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, Devin started to slam his head on the cage of the patrol vehicle causing a laceration to his forehead. He was transported to a hospital and medically cleared before being booked into the jail. He is being held on \$6,500 bond.



Devin Manrique during booking.

Driver Arrested for Racing and Reckless Driving on I-95

Late on Saturday night, two vehicles racing southbound on I-95 passed an FCSO patrol vehicle going

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more than 100 mph at Mile Marker 289. Deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop but the vehicles accelerated to flee law enforcement. The vehicles were not pursued so deputies stopped their attempt to stop the vehicles.

Shortly after, one of the vehicles, a gray Chrysler 300, was located at Mile Marker 285 crashed into the wood line after striking another vehicle. The two occupants in the rear-ended vehicle reported no injuries.

The Chrysler's driver, Kievon Henderson, 19, was arrested for Fleeing and Eluding, Reckless Driving, Racing On A Highway, Possession Cannabis (under 20g), and Possession of a Firearm by a Person Under 21. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility and is out on \$9,000 bond.



Kievon Henderson was arrested for Simple Battery.

“A busy weekend for Flagler Deputies,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “If you spray someone in the face with a garden hose, you’re only escalating the situation. It is much better to deescalate and call us to mediate the dispute. I’m also proud of our deputies demonstrating so much patience with Manrique, despite him threatening them while being arrested. Finally, we arrested a reckless driver on I-95 that put every driver at risk and was underage to have a gun too. He is on his way to starting a life of crime.”

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