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### **Joint Operation Leads to Apprehension of Fugitive Career Criminal in Daytona Beach**

BUNNELL, Fla. — On November 19, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and the Daytona Beach Police Department conducted a joint operation to locate and apprehend a fugitive career criminal. As a result of the operation, Michael Underwood, 37, a criminal with an extensive history of charges and a fugitive from Flagler County, was arrested in Daytona Beach.

The operation to locate Underwood — who was a fugitive from Flagler County wanted for Possession of Cocaine, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia — was led by FCSO's Problem Area Crime Enforcement team. Detectives utilized investigative means to determine Underwood's location. Once Underwood was determined to be outside of Flagler County, the DBPD was notified to assist in the apprehension.

Underwood was located in Daytona Beach by the DBPD's Violent Crime Apprehension Team. He was arrested on his warrant and transported to the Volusia County Branch Jail, where he is being held without bond.

Underwood's criminal history includes 67 criminal charges, including 25 felony arrests, and 10 convictions. Underwood has previously been arrested for numerous narcotics-related offenses, driving with a suspended license, reckless driving, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, home invasion, and fleeing from law enforcement.

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*Michael Underwood is arrested by a Daytona Beach Police Department officer.*

“If you have an active warrant in Flagler County, you can’t hide. We’ll find you no matter where you are,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “Thanks to teamwork between our agencies, this career criminal is off the street and back in jail where he belongs.”

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