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Weekend Roundup June 1-2

Deputies assist in multi-agency car chase and arrest,

"See Something, Say Something" leads to arrest of woman with warrant for animal cruelty

BUNNELL, FL – Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies made 17 arrests this past weekend between 6 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024, and 6 a.m. on Monday, June 2, 2024. They handled 580 calls for service and made 144 traffic stops.

Multi-agency pursuit ends in arrest for Grand Theft Auto, Flee and Elude, Grand Theft of Firearm

On Friday, May 31, at approximately 11:45 p.m., deputies responded to a stolen vehicle on I-95. Prior to their arrival, the Volusia Sheriff's Office (VSO) relayed that they were behind a black Dodge Challenger at I-95 and US-1 South, which had been reported stolen from Daytona Beach.

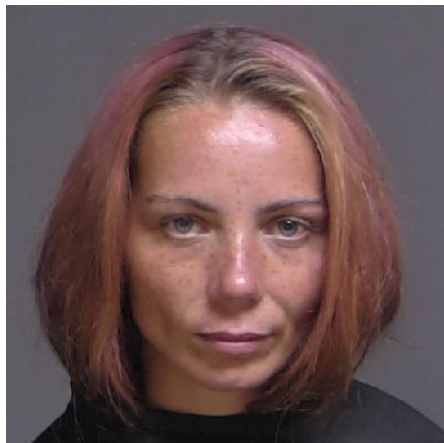
Shortly after the vehicle entered Flagler County, Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) and FCSO located the vehicle matching the description. FHP and FCSO attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle, but it failed to stop and fled northbound at a high rate of speed. Deputy Somers and Deputy First Class Jenkins successfully stop-sticked the vehicle, deflating its two front tires as it was fleeing.

The vehicle was located on I-95 northbound near the Palm Coast Parkway exit. Deputy Magnuson found the suspect, Payton Rice, 29, a transient from Daytona Beach, in the immediate area of the vehicle, walking quickly southbound. Rice was quickly apprehended and arrested for Grand Theft Auto and Flee and Elude/Failure to Obey a Law Enforcement Officer. Deputies located a handgun on the driver's side of the vehicle that was confirmed to be in the vehicle prior to it being stolen. Rice was also arrested for Grand Theft of a Firearm. Rice faces additional charges from the Daytona Beach Police Department for Grand Theft Auto and Florida Highway Patrol for Flee and Elude.

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Rice was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility (SPHIDF), where she is being held on a \$75,000 bond.



Payton Rice (Flagler County Jail mugshot)

“This thief thought she could come to Flagler County in her stolen vehicle and get away with it,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “She learned the hard way that was a bad decision. She also put a lot of drivers at risk by her driving. I commend our deputies and thank FHP for the great teamwork in getting this stolen car recovered and the thief arrested.”

View video footage of this incident: <https://bit.ly/3yLSEdL>

Proactive FCSO patrols lead to narcotics arrest on I-95 in Palm Coast

On Saturday, June 1, at around 6:24 p.m., Master Deputy Dawson observed a red Toyota Camry on I-95 in Palm Coast passing a semi-truck and several passenger cars on the right while the left lane that is designated for passing was open.

After conducting a traffic stop, a search of the vehicle resulted in locating a sandwich bag containing a substance that tested positive for marijuana, along with two pink pressed pills which tested positive for methamphetamine or MDMA (Ecstasy). A folded one-dollar bill and a folded five-dollar bill were also found and contained a white powdery substance that tested positive for cocaine.

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The driver, Jasmine Jenkins, 36, of Jacksonville was arrested for Possession of Marijuana (Less than 20 grams), Possession of Cocaine, and Possession of MDMA. Jenkins was transported to the SPHIDF and later released on a \$2,500 bond.

“Great job to Master Deputy Dawson for looking beyond the traffic infraction,” said Sheriff Staly. “Let this be another reminder, if you’re carrying or selling narcotics in Flagler County, you’ll find yourself spending time in the Green Roof Inn.”



Jasmine Jenkins (Flagler County Jail mugshot)

“See Something, Say Something” leads to arrest of Bunnell woman with warrant for Violation of Probation, Cruelty to Animals

At approximately 11:33 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, Deputy Zalak was dispatched to Deen Road in Bunnell to serve a warrant after Flagler County dispatch received a tip from a citizen that a female with an active warrant was seen walking along US 1.

Deputy Zalak located Sarah Gibson, 31, of Bunnell, whose identity was confirmed via a prior booking photo. Gibson had an active warrant for Violation of Probation (VOP) for Cruelty to Animals. She was arrested and transported to the SPHIDF, where she is currently being held without bond.

“Once again, a ‘see something, say something’ caller directly contributed to the arrest of someone who was a fugitive for animal abuse,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “Thank you to the citizen who spoke up and called us.”

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Sarah Gibson (Flagler County Jail mugshot)

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