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Palm Coast Man Arrested for Sexually Abusing Juvenile

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff's Office has arrested a Palm Coast man after an investigation determined that he had committed multiple sex offenses against a juvenile family member over the course of several years.

On February 11, an FCSO school resource deputy was contacted regarding an incident reported to a school guidance counselor. The victim revealed they were being abused by a family member, identified as Kristopher Henriqson, 47. The SRD notified the Major Case Unit, who immediately opened an investigation led by Detective First Class Adam Gossett. Detectives and victim advocates responded and made contact with the victim.

Upon speaking with the victim, detectives determined the Florida Department of Children and Families needed to be involved, and arrangements were made for an emergency forensic examination and interview with the First Coast Child Protection Team.

Detectives contacted the victim's legal guardian, who agreed to assist with the investigation. Based on the victim's courageous and detailed statement, evidence located by Major Case Unit detectives and members of the Crime Scene Investigation Unit, and various investigative techniques, DFC Gossett obtained an arrest warrant for Henriqson. In addition, detectives obtained a search warrant for his residence and a warrant for the collection of his DNA and fingernail clippings.

The Problem Area Crime Enforcement Unit was used to locate Henriqson, who had refused to provide his location. With assistance from the Real Time Crime Center, the Communications Center, and deputies in the Community Policing Division, PACE Unit detectives located Henriqson traveling

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southbound on Interstate 95, attempting to flee Flagler County.

Henriqson was arrested for Capital Sexual Battery, Sexual Battery by Familial or Custodial Authority, and Lewd or Lascivious Battery. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where he is being held without bond.



Kristopher Henriqson (Flagler County Jail Mugshot)

During the search warrant at Henriqson’s residence, Special Investigations Unit detectives discovered evidence suggesting the presence of a large quantity of narcotics. As a result, an additional search warrant was obtained, leading to the discovery of approximately 3.8 pounds of marijuana. Based on the results of the search warrant, Henriqson was also arrested for Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Sell, Manufacture, or Deliver; Possession of Hashish; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

"I want to commend this young victim for the courage in coming forward and sharing their story with a trusted guidance counselor. The details of this case are beyond horrifying, and it took a lot of bravery for this child to report the abuse they endured for years taking this child’s innocence away so that we could hold this pervert accountable," said Sheriff Rick Staly.

"Our school resource deputies, detectives, victim advocates, RTCC analysts, and CSI team did what they are trained to do, working tirelessly together and leaving no stone unturned until we could put this sick and dangerous pervert behind bars — hopefully for good!" Sheriff Staly added. "Better yet, his crime qualifies for the death penalty, and I believe that is the only penalty he should get. I pray for our victim that she receives the support and therapy that she needs from these vicious crimes that were at the hand of this pervert she trusted as a child."

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