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**FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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### **Alleged Campaign Worker Arrested for Burglary and Theft,** **Suspect Claimed She was Working for CD 6 Candidate Weil's** **Campaign**

BUNNELL, Fla. — On March 7, Flagler County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested an Orlando woman, who claimed to be working for Congressional District 6 candidate Josh Weil's campaign, for burglary and theft after deputies responded to a call regarding a suspicious person with a bicycle inside the fenced yard of a vacant home in Palm Coast. The suspect, Arlecia Darnae Brown, 35, was distributing Weil's campaign fliers at the time of her arrest and matched the description of a suspect involved in the theft of a bicycle within the same residential neighborhood the night before. Brown had two Florida driver's licenses that were not hers and burglary tools in her possession.

Detectives began investigating the theft on March 6 after a victim contacted the FCSO Communications Center to report the stolen bicycle. According to the victim, her child left the bicycle inside an open garage, and when the child returned to retrieve it, the bicycle was gone.

During the investigation, FCSO deputies were able to utilize security camera footage to quickly establish a suspect, and the tip involving a suspicious person from a concerned citizen helped deputies locate and recover the stolen bicycle from behind the tool shed of the vacant home.

Deputies arrested Brown for Burglary of an Occupied Structure, Theft from a Dwelling, two counts of Unlawful Possession of Personal Identification Information of Another Person, and Possession of Burglary Tools. She was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where she is being held on a \$67,500 bond.

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Arlecia Darnae Brown (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mugshot)

“This is a perfect example of a crime of opportunity. I encourage all residents to stay vigilant, lock their doors, and report suspicious activity to law enforcement immediately,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “Thorough detective work and concerned citizens helped lead to a quick resolution in this case of a convicted felon who has been arrested 19 times in the past. I also thank the resident who ‘saw something, said something,’ which helped us quickly locate the suspect and make an arrest.”

Brown has an extensive criminal history, with 14 previous misdemeanor charges and 15 previous felony charges. Three of which resulted in three felony convictions: Robbery with a Firearm, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

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