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NEWS RELEASE

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Stop Stick Used Twice in One Night to Stop Felons

On Wednesday evening around 7:00 p.m., a confirmed stolen vehicle was located traveling on US Highway 1 North in Palm Coast near the Division of Forestry. The vehicle was stolen from North Carolina by an unknown suspect.

As deputies followed the stolen vehicle Stop Sticks were deployed and struck the driver's side front and rear tires. A felony traffic stop was conducted by FCSO Sergeant Weaver, Deputy Dawson and Deputy Smith on the vehicle on US 1 near the Division of Forestry. The sole occupant and operator of the vehicle was identified as Ricky Dean Franklin, 40, and refused to answer questions from law enforcement. Franklin did inform FCSO deputies that he only had a North Carolina ID Card and that his driver's license has been suspended for years.



Franklin and the stolen vehicle during the felony traffic stop.

Prior to being searched before transport to jail, Franklin told deputies that he had a small amount of Marijuana in his rear pocket. Franklin was arrested and charged with Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Driving While License Suspended- 3rd or subsequent conviction, and Possession of Marijuana less than 20 grams. He was taken to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility where he is being held on a \$5,000.00 bond.

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Later Wednesday evening around 11:40 p.m., the Volusia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) Communications Division contacted the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Communications Section to request assistance in pursuing a vehicle containing suspects from an armed robbery in Volusia County that just entered Flagler County. The suspect vehicle was traveling north on US Highway 1 at speeds in excess of 100 MPH while attempting to flee from VCSO patrol vehicles with their emergency lights and sirens activated.

The pursuit continued from the south Flagler County line into the City of Bunnell where Bunnell Police Corporal Bagwell deployed Stop Sticks. The suspect vehicle continued to travel north through the city of Bunnell at speeds excess of 80 MPH. FCSO Deputy Wray deployed a second set of Stop Sticks. Just west of the Bimini Bar, 1022 W. Highway 100. The driver and passenger, later identified as Darryl Lamar Duffy and Jamier Robert Scott, both 28 years old, jumped from the vehicle and began to flee from law enforcement on foot.



The vehicle crashed in the wood line.

A VCSO K-9 Deputy deployed his K-9 partner and entered the wood line in pursuit of the fleeing felons, who were at one point armed with a firearm. The VCSO K-9 Deputy and his K-9 partner located and apprehended both suspects. Medical attention was provided to both subjects by the Flagler County Fire Rescue.

“It was obvious that these felons had no regard for their own safety or anyone else as they fled from law enforcement,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “It was a busy night in Flagler County but our team did an excellent job of maintaining the safety of the community while taking dangerous felons off the streets. We are glad to assist our neighboring law enforcement agencies and we again remind criminals to stay out of Flagler County.”

Duffy and Scott were taken to Advent Heath for medical clearance and then to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. Duffy was charged by FCSO with Fleeing with Disregard of Safety to Persons or Property, Resisting Arrest without Violence, and Driving with a Suspended License. Scott was

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charged with Resisting Arrest without Violence. Both subjects are also being held on VCSO's charge of Robbery with a Firearm. Both are being held without bond.

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