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Ex-Cop Arrested 15 Days after Release from Prison

Former Bunnell Police Officer Michael Stavris, 34, of Palm Coast was arrested on Tuesday afternoon for Violation of Probation during a probation check.

Stavris was arrested in 2014 by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and charged with two counts of Computer Pornography and Child Exploitation and one count of Criminal Use of Personal Identification Information. Stavris agreed to a plea deal and was sentenced on July 26, 2016 to three years in prison followed by five years of probation. He was released from prison on February 11, 2019.

A condition of his probation states that he cannot create or maintain an online social media account. On February 15, 2019, The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) received a report that Stavris had possibly created a Facebook account under a fictitious name. FCSO accompanied Stavris' probation officer to conduct a probation check on February 26. A search of the cell phone Stavris stated was his revealed that the cell phone was used to access, maintain, and upload photos to Facebook which is in direct violation to the terms of his probation.

"It is very alarming that this individual would violate his probation so quickly after being released from prison," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "He has apparently not learned his lesson and just 15 days after being released from prison he is back in the Green Roof Inn. I hope he is sentenced to a lengthy prison term so he cannot exploit children or anyone else in the future."

Stavris was booked into the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility where he will be held without bond.

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