



Rick Staly, Sheriff
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NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE: Arrest Made in Homicide Investigation

Sheriff Rick Staly and Sheriff's deputies conducted a felony traffic stop on a vehicle at Cypress Point and Belle Terre Parkway and secured a person of interest in the case at 12:30 p.m. After a thorough investigation by detectives, Clarence Edward Murphy Jr, DOB 9/20/1975, was arrested for First Degree Murder. He is currently being booked into the Flagler County Detention Facility with no bond.

The victim has been identified as Ahmad Rashad Laster Sr, DOB 1/05/1981.

"Our deputies and detectives did a great job in solving this case in under 8 hours and making sure no one else was hurt," Sheriff Staly said. "That is great police work and I'm glad this dirtbag is in the Green Roof Inn where he belongs and the victim's family can feel secure knowing he is in custody."



Left: Sheriff Staly and a Deputy at the felony traffic stop earlier today. Right: Clarence Murphy Jr in a booking photo from 2016.

Sheriff Staly held a press conference with members of the victim's family at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday evening. It was broadcast live on the agency's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/flaglercounty.sheriffsoffice/>

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Murphy has an extensive arrest history that involves 19 felony charges, 5 felony convictions, 3 misdemeanor convictions and at least two stays in state prison.

Earlier Release: Deputies Investigating Apparent Homicide

Flagler Sheriff's Deputies responded to a 9-1-1 call around 4:00 a.m. Tuesday morning regarding a male lying in a driveway on Parkview Drive in Palm Coast. The victim was transported to Halifax Hospital in Daytona Beach where he later died.

Detectives do not believe this was a random crime and are following all leads. Sheriff Rick Staly met patrol deputies and detectives on scene this morning while the Crime Scene Investigation Unit was collecting evidence.

“We are working every lead and attempting to locate the suspect or suspects,” Sheriff Staly said. “We do not believe there is a threat to anyone else at this time but this is an active investigation. We will update when we have more information.”



Left: Detective Sgt. Miller, Commander Carman, Sheriff Staly, Chief Ramirez and Chief Bovino at the crime scene. Right: Road closure with crime scene tape at Parkview Drive in Palm Coast.

The 140 to 160 block of Parkview Drive was closed to traffic and school bus routes were re-directed during the morning school pick-up route.

If you have information on this case, please call the Sheriff's Office at 386-313-4911 or call CrimeStoppers at 1-877-277-TIPS. You will remain anonymous and could be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000.00.

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