



Rick Staly, Sheriff

## FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Crime Spree of Car Burglaries, Stolen Guns and Cars Solved by Deputies, Two Subjects Arrested**

Flagler County Sheriff's deputies received multiple reports of car burglaries Friday morning in the P-section of Palm Coast. A residential burglary also occurred on Postman Lane where multiple firearms were reported stolen from an unsecured garage.

A deputy patrolling the area of Royal Palms and Point Pleasant around 5:40 a.m. Friday morning noticed two males walking down the sidewalk. One, a juvenile, was a known offender currently on probation for a misdemeanor offense. That juvenile was arrested for violation of probation for being out after curfew.

During a subsequent interview with both subjects, they admitted to multiple vehicle burglaries, a residential burglary, and the theft of a vehicle.

While deputies were canvassing the neighborhoods in search for any ties to the crimes, a resident on Point Wood Drive notified detectives that two juveniles had dropped two backpacks in his backyard. Detectives collected the backpacks and located the following inside: four handguns, two smartphones, one iPod, an assortment of ammunition and gun magazines matching the firearms, a Chrysler key fob, electronic cords, change containers, loose change, and other miscellaneous items.

Two firearms were also recovered in a swale on Poinbury Drive. All six recovered firearms were confirmed stolen from the unsecured garage on Postman Lane.

Two stolen vehicles were later recovered on Elm Street in Bunnell. A black Chrysler Town and Country and a Saturn Vue were recovered, processed, and returned to their owners.

"These two subjects went on a crime spree, but they didn't get away with it," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "An alert patrol deputy along with our detectives did a great job in quickly solving and recovering stolen property. The stolen firearms had the potential for violent crimes in the future or be sold on the black

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market or traded for drugs,” said Sheriff Staly. “These crimes were again crimes of opportunity. I ask our community to lock their cars, don’t keep car keys in cars and keep their garage doors closed. Let’s work together to keep our community safe. I encourage you to watch our most recent crime prevention video ‘Disaster’ on our home page [www.flaglersheriff.com](http://www.flaglersheriff.com).”



Left: Stolen firearms and other items recovered in found backpacks. Right: Stolen firearms found in a swale.

Sammy Rozier, 5/3/2001, was arrested for armed burglary, grand theft of a firearm, grand theft auto, petit theft, burglary of a conveyance, and violation of probation. Rozier is being held in custody by DJJ.

Josiah Merriweather, 5/19/1999, was arrested for armed burglary and grand theft of a firearm.



Stolen vehicles recovered off of Elm Street in Bunnell.

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office is urging residents to remove valuables, firearms, and car keys from vehicles and lock doors to homes, businesses, and vehicles to prevent opportunities to become a victim.

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