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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Heroin and Fentanyl Drug Dealer Behind Bars

Joseph Christopher Colon, 34, of 21 Ballenger Lane in Palm Coast was arrested Monday afternoon after Sheriff's deputies uncovered an arsenal of drugs in his pockets.



Joseph Christopher Colon, DOB 5/24/1983

An off-duty deputy familiar with Colon saw Colon driving down US1 around 12:30 p.m. on Monday. Knowing that Colon's driver's license was revoked, the deputy notified a unit on-duty in order to perform a traffic stop and arrest Colon for driving without a valid driver's license.

Deputies made contact with Colon at Frazier's Mini Storage in Bunnell and took him into custody without incident. The arrest took place less than 1,000 feet from Joanna B. King Park. During a search of Colon, deputies located a large plastic bag containing several small baggies inside of it with a tan granular substance. The substance tested positive for heroin and fentanyl. A white rocklike substance was found within the bag, which tested positive for cocaine. Deputies also located a metal container on Colon that contained a large quantity of prescription tablets including oxycodone, alprazolam, and a trafficking amount of hydromorphone.

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A K-9 unit responded to the scene to conduct a sniff of Colon's vehicle for possible narcotics. The K-9 immediately indicated to his handler that there were narcotics in the vehicle at which time deputies had the vehicle towed to the evidence garage to be sealed until a search warrant could be obtained and executed.

Colon was arrested for trafficking in hydromorphone, possession of heroin with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a public park, possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a public park, possession of alprazolam with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a public park, possession of oxycodone, and driving while license suspended or revoked. He is being held at the Flagler County Detention Facility on a \$131,000.00 bond.

Further charges are possible pending the outcome of the vehicle search warrant.

“This dealer was out and ready to sell poison – he already had baggies ready to sell to the next person who wanted to get high,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “Thankfully our off-duty deputy recognized him and alerted us so that we could get him off the streets. We will not sit back and watch this epidemic continue while poison peddlers kill people.”

Colon's arrest history in Flagler County dates back to 2008 with past charges ranging from DUI to sale of a controlled substance.

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