

## Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## <u>Man Involved in Palm Coast Shooting, Released</u> <u>from Jail, Gave False Name, Arrested</u>

Flagler County Sheriff's detectives arrested Michael McRoberts Jr., 21, Wednesday morning for fraudulent use of personal identification, resisting arrest without violence, and violation of probation.



Michael McRoberts Jr. in today's booking photo.

McRoberts was involved in a shooting at 28 Seamanship Trail on November 13 and was driven to Florida Hospital Flagler for a gunshot wound. While at the hospital, McRoberts gave a false name and date of birth while being treated. McRoberts was later transferred to another hospital where he was positively identified by a Rapid ID fingerprint scan as Michael McRoberts Jr.

A subsequent interview with the woman who drove McRoberts to the hospital, Brooklynn Marino, revealed that McRoberts intentionally gave a false name knowing that he had an active felony warrant for this arrest for a violation of probation (VOP) charge. The original name given by McRoberts to hospital staff has now incurred hospital bills totaling over \$5,000.00.

McRoberts was previously arrested on his active VOP warrant on Monday, November 20, but was released on his own recognizance at his first arraignment.

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McRoberts was arrested at the probation office where he was trying to arrange to be transferred to Miami. He was planning to live with the woman who had fled the scene of the shooting and had dropped him off at the hospital before fleeing the area.

"We've worked with the State Attorney's Office to take McRoberts back into custody on charges resulting from the shooting," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "It is our hope he will be held without bond. He is a dangerous criminal that has already served time in state prison and used a false name to avoid capture, was involved in a shooting and then in less than one day after being released to home confinement by a judge was trying to manipulate the system and flee to the Miami area. McRoberts needs to be off the streets and secured in the Green Roof Inn where he cannot commit any more crimes."

McRoberts was booked into the Flagler County Detention Facility with no bond due.

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