



Rick Staly, Sheriff

## FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **FCSO Investigating Suspicious Death** **Male Arrested for Obstruction of Justice**

Deputies responded to a medical call at 6 Point Pleasant Drive in Palm Coast shortly before 8 a.m. on Thursday morning. Deputies and paramedics declared a female, Faith Lorraine Cummings, 44, deceased. Faith's husband, Michael Cummings, was also at the residence and reported that Faith had possibly fell after taking a shower.

Due to the circumstances surrounding the death, Sheriff's detective, the FDLE Crime Scene Unit, and the medical examiner all arrived at the house to conduct a thorough investigation.



Left: Sheriff Rick Staly, Commander Jeff Stuart, and Commander Gerald Ditolla on scene this morning. Right: The FDLE Crime Scene Unit on scene with detectives.

During the course of the investigation, Michael was asked multiple times to leave the residence in order for the detectives to thoroughly investigate the scene. Michael refused to leave and was arrested for obstruction of justice. Michael Cummings, DOB 6/16/1971, was booked into the Flagler County Detention Facility Thursday evening on the misdemeanor charge.

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“At this point, it is a death investigation,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “We’re taking all of the necessary steps so that if this does turn into a criminal investigation, we will have a thorough understanding of the entire area in order to prosecute any potential suspects. The best case scenario is that this turns out to be a medical issue and there is no foul play. Only the ongoing investigation can determine that.”

More information will be available as the investigation continues.

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