



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Fugitive Friday Bingo Winner Who Taunted Flagler Sheriff on Facebook Arrested!**

The latest "winner" of the weekly Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Fugitive Friday Bingo segment was arrested in Citrus County last night after almost a week of taunting deputies on social media.



Francisco Valdez was featured on the FCSO Fugitive Friday Bingo as a wanted fugitive for violation of probation for burglary of an occupied dwelling. The Fugitive Friday Bingo segment is run across social media to spotlight wanted fugitives from Flagler County and generate tips on their whereabouts by phone call, email, CrimeStoppers or in the comments section by local residents.

But this time, the fugitive himself decided to leave comments of his own taunting the Sheriff's Office to find him. In some of his comments Valdez even requested payment for being featured as a wanted fugitive and also expressed his fondness for the new signage at the Flagler County Jail.

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“Valdez thought it would be a good idea to make taunting comments on Facebook after he was featured on last Friday’s episode of Fugitive Friday Bingo. This, obviously, was not the first bad idea he has had in his life,” Sheriff Staly said. “Taunting the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office will only make you a bigger target on our radar. If you want to break into homes or commit crimes in Flagler County we are coming for you. If you think you can run - you will only go to jail tired. He will now get a very good look at the new jail signs which he finds ‘hilarious’ when he is booked in to the Green Roof Inn.”

The FCSO Fugitive Unit determined that Valdez was in Citrus County and asked the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office to assist. Citrus County Sheriff’s Office arrested Valdez on Flagler County’s fugitive warrant on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Valdez was with a female companion at the time. “Happy Valentine’s Day,” added Sheriff Staly. “It is not a good idea to taunt us.” Sheriff Staly also called Citrus County Sheriff Prendergast to personally thank him and his agency for assisting and capturing this “dirtbag.”

Valdez was arrested in Citrus County and is being held under no bond. Valdez will be brought back to Flagler County where he will begin yet another stay at the Flagler County Jail. The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office thanks the Citrus County Sheriff’s Office for all of their help and assisting in the arrest of this wanted fugitive.

One third of the inmates featured on the Fugitive Friday Bingo have been arrested. Tune in every Friday to see the latest Fugitive Friday Bingo episode. You can watch on the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office Facebook page, You Tube channel, and our website.

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