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Cash, Firearms and Narcotics Seized, Three Arrested

Members of the Flagler County Sheriff's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) executed a search warrant at 15 Fariston Lane in Palm Coast on February 1 after receiving multiple tips from Crime Stoppers of North East Florida regarding suspicious activity at that location.

The search recovered 12 firearms and approximately a half pound of cannabis. A total of \$8,433 cash was seized under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act. Morgan Michael Byrnes, 27, and Shawn Timothy Byrnes, 63, were arrested at the residence.



Seizure from 15 Fariston Lane on February 1, 2018.

Morgan was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of ammunition by a convicted felon, possession of cannabis with intent to distribute, possession of THC oil, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on February 26 after posting an \$11,000 bond.

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Shawn was charged with possession of THC oil, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released the same day after posting a \$3,500 bond.

The investigation led to the discovery of an associate of Morgan Byrnes, Felix Vega, and suggested that the two were co-conspirators in a lucrative cannabis distribution ring. A search warrant was secured by SIU detectives and executed on Thursday morning at 196 Pine Grove Drive in Palm Coast. The search revealed approximately 5.3 pounds of cannabis, 1.5 pounds of THC hash oil, a highly concentrated form of THC. A total of \$46,222 cash was seized under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act.



Seizure from 196 Pine Grove Drive on March 1, 2018.

Felix Vega, 20, was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is being held at the Flagler County Detention Facility on \$5,500 bond.

“Our SIU detectives did a great job connecting these two poison peddlers and taking them both into custody and out of our community,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “We have knowledge of previous violent crimes in Flagler County surrounding marijuana sales to include home invasions and attempted murder. I’ve instructed our SIU team to go after these drug dealers and get them off the streets of Flagler County before further violence occurs and that is what they are doing.”

Further charges are pending on Morgan Byrnes and Felix Vega as the investigation continues.

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