



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

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

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **FCSO Arrests Known Drug Trafficker Whose Poison is Believed to be Causing Overdose Victims**

On the evening of Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, Detectives with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office's Special Investigations Unit conducted an undercover operation on John "Jack" Organ, a suspected drug trafficker. Organ had recently been linked to multiple but non-deadly drug overdoses involving Heroin that he reportedly had distributed.



*Left: John "Jack" Organ Right: Mathew Paul*

On Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was occupied by John Organ, John Organ's child, and Matthew Paul. After a positive indication for the presence of illegal narcotics from a K9 Unit on scene, Deputies searched the vehicle and recovered over 4 grams of Heroin, over 2 grams of Cocaine, 2 Sub Oxone tablets, syringes and a crack pipe.

Jack Organ was consequently arrested and charged with Trafficking in Heroin, Possession of Cocaine

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with Intent to Distribute and Introduction of Contraband into a Detention Facility.

Paul was also arrested and charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of a Controlled Substance. Arrangements were made for the mother of Organ's child to pick him up and DCF was notified of the incident.

This investigation also resulted in a search warrant by the Tri-County Task Force resulting in additional drugs being seized. Additional charges are pending.

"I want to congratulate our team for their excellent work here," Sheriff Staly said. "John Organ has been linked to multiple drug overdoses involving Heroin and putting him behind bars means we have one less poison peddler on our streets. Let this be a message to anyone thinking about dealing drugs in Flagler County, we are coming for you."

The Heroin collected will be sent to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for chemical analysis to determine if there is the presence of Fentanyl, which is commonly mixed with Heroin by drug dealers. Fentanyl is being mass produced overseas in clandestine laboratories and making its way over the US border. Fentanyl is 30-50 times more potent than Heroin alone, and according to the DEA, two milligrams of Fentanyl (equivalent to a few grains of table salt) is considered to be a deadly dose for more than 95 percent of the American public.

Jack Organ has a criminal history in Flagler County that dates back to 2007. Organ has been arrested a total of eight times by FCSO, four of those arrests have been for possession of drugs.

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