



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FCSO Arrest on Volusia County Warrant Leads to Uncovering Counterfeit Money Operation

On May 17th, Flagler County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a warrant service requested by Volusia County at 2327 Water Oak Road in Bunnell, FL for Christopher Heath. Contact was made with Heath who was attempting to leave the property in a truck. Heath fled to the rear of the residence but deputies were able to apprehend him. During his arrest, Heath dropped an envelope containing counterfeit money.



Left: Printers found at Heath residence believed to be used for printing the counterfeit cash. Right: Christopher Heath.

Further investigation determined that evidence of counterfeiting was inside the residence. Flagler detectives obtained a search warrant, which resulted in finding multiple counterfeit bills and numerous printing machines. This was not Heath's first arrest for counterfeit money. Just five days ago Heath was stopped for a speeding violation while traveling east on Mahogany Road in western Flagler County.

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While on the traffic stop K-9 Marko alerted on the vehicle prompting deputies to search the car. Deputies found \$600 of counterfeit bills, marijuana, and two computer printers in the back seat of the car used to print the counterfeit cash.

Heath has an extensive criminal history including prior arrests for counterfeiting, assault, thefts and burglary. Heath is currently be investigated by multiple law enforcement agencies in Volusia and Flagler counties.

“This is a career criminal who just can’t stay out of trouble,” Sheriff Staly said. “I’m proud of our deputies and the excellent work they did in arresting him when he tried to run. I want to make it clear to anyone thinking that they can commit a crime in one county and then hide in Flagler County that we are coming for you. Our agencies work together and you will be caught.”

Heath is currently being held at the Flagler County Inmate Detention Facility on the Volusia County warrant with bond set at \$2500.00. This investigation is continuing and other charges are pending.

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