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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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UPDATE: Christopher Heath Charged With Grand Theft and a 2nd Count of Fraudulent Bills While Still in Green Roof Inn

The charges are piling up for Christopher Heath, even while he is still in jail. Further investigation into the fraudulent bills found within Heath's residence has connected him to another crime that occurred on May 10th when Heath bought an ATV from an unsuspecting seller via Craigslist using his counterfeit cash.

The victim posted his ATV on Craigslist for \$800 dollars and Heath contacted him offering to buy it. That evening Heath arrived at the victim's home in a U-Haul. Heath then gave the victim \$800 dollars in counterfeit bills, loaded the ATV on the U-Haul, and left. When the victim attempted to deposit the cash into an ATM where he banks the cash was denied, he then took the cash to a local retailer where it was confirmed to be fake.

"This guy's rap sheet just continues to grow, even while he is behind bars," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "I want to congratulate our investigators for connecting Heath to this case. We have a great team and if there are any other dots to connect they will be made."

Christopher Heath is being held at the Flagler County Detention Center on two additional counts, one for Grand Theft with a \$5,000.00 bond and a 2nd count of uttering forged bills with a \$2000.00 bond as well as his original arrest for a warrant from Volusia County with a \$2500.00 bond.

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 out of Volusia County at 2327 Water Oak Road in Bunnell, FL for Christopher Heath. Contact was attempted with Heath who was attempting to leave the property, even after deputies identified themselves as law

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enforcement officers. Heath continued to try to drive away to the rear of the property but FCSO deputies were able to detain him.



A search of the residence resulted in the finding of multiple counterfeit bills and numerous printing machines. This was not Heath's first run-in with the law or funny-money. Just five days ago Heath was pulled over for a speeding violation while traveling east on Mahogany Road. While on the traffic stop K9 Marko began to alert on the vehicle prompting FCSO deputies to search the car.

Upon searching the vehicle FCSO deputies found \$600 worth of counterfeit bills, marijuana, and two computer printers in the back seat of the car used to print the counterfeit cash.

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

Heath is currently being held at the Flagler County Detention Center on a warrant bond set at \$2500.00. This investigation is on-going and may result in further charges.

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