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NEWS RELEASE

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Man Pistol-Whips Friend, Fires Round in Town Center

Flagler County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Target Shopping Plaza on State Road 100 in Palm Coast on Saturday evening around 8:40 p.m. after reports of a fight and the discharging of a firearm. No one was shot.

A man, Matthew Bauman, reported to deputies that he was in a fight with another man, Christopher Quijano, 19, in the parking lot in front of the Ross store and that Quijano pistol-whipped him. Matthew had bleeding lacerations to his face and ear consistent to a pistol whipping. During the altercation, Quijano fired one round from the gun which struck a vehicle in the parking lot, shattering the back window and the bullet lodged in the back of the headrest of the passenger seat.

Quijano had fled the scene in a vehicle and deputies were able to locate him around 10:40 p.m. at 5 Colony Court where he was taken into custody. He was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon and Discharge of a Firearm in Public. He is being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility on a \$100,000.00 bond.



Christopher Quijano in his current booking photo.

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“He is lucky that no one was killed when he fired a round in a shopping center parking lot,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “This young man is no stranger to law enforcement and at just 19 years old, he needs to turn his life around. Great work by our deputies and detectives on tracking him down and taking this reckless offender to the Green Roof Inn.”

Quijano has an arrest history that includes Grand Theft, Domestic Violence, Marijuana Possession, Violation of Probation, Failure to Appear, and Giving a False Name to Law Enforcement.

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