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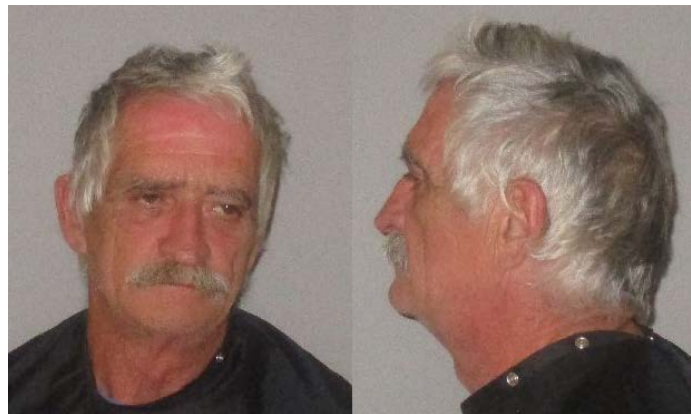
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## **Suspect Arrested After Woman Reports Being Raped**

Flagler County Sheriff's Investigators responded to a home in Bunnell on Friday afternoon after a victim reported being raped.

Several witnesses reported arriving at the home to find the victim in a bedroom with her pants pulled down. The only other occupant of the house was identified as the suspect, 62-year-old Kenneth Eugene Steele. The suspect confessed to the crime occurring while the 31-year-old victim was unconscious.



Kenneth Eugene Steele (DOB 9/3/1956)

Steele was arrested and charged with Sexual Battery on a victim over 18 years old.

"This is the second sexual battery arrest in Flagler County in less than one week," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Perpetrators must learn that 'no' means 'no!' Our victim advocates are available to the victim to assist her and so is the Family Life Center."

Steele was booked into the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Center where he is being held with a \$7,500 bond.

Steele has prior arrests in Flagler County for Battery Domestic Violence, Tampering with a Witness, and Violation of Probation.

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