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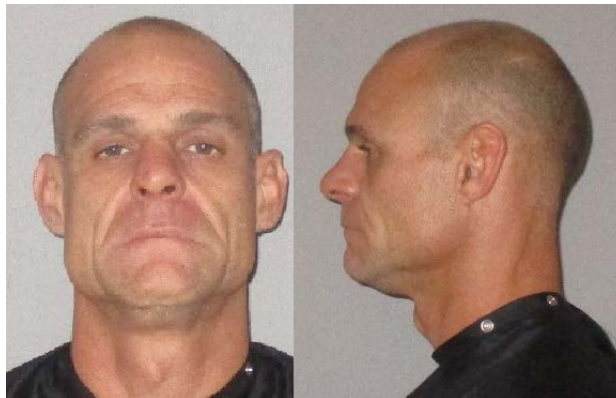
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Multi-County Fugitive Bank Robber Arrested by FCSO Deputies on I-95

Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Deputies received an alert from neighboring counties on Monday to "be on the lookout" for Mark Wardell, DOB 6/9/1971, wanted for bank robbery by the Ormond Beach Police Department. He is also the suspect of bank robberies in Jacksonville and St. John's counties.

FCSO deputies using intelligence-led policing techniques were able to identify a potential vehicle Wardell may be using and began patrolling the interstate in search of Wardell. Wardell was observed traveling in a vehicle on Interstate 95 near mile marker 293 at about 2:00 p.m. on Monday. A felony traffic stop was conducted and Wardell and the driver, Tina Heinrichs, DOB 12/2/1971, were taken into custody by FCSO deputies.

Ormond Beach Police arrived on scene and positively identified Wardell as the suspect in their bank robbery.



Mark Wardell, DOB 6/9/1971

"As soon as we were made aware of the bank robbery and BOLO from Ormond Beach, our units utilized intelligence-led policing tactics to begin the search for him," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "It was like finding a needle in a haystack, but our deputies did a great job in locating him and the vehicle he was in and taking him into custody without anyone getting hurt. We're glad to assist our neighboring agencies

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in taking this serial bank robber off the streets. If you think you can commit a crime and come to Flagler County, think again. Our tactics are working and you will end up in the Green Roof Inn.”

Wardell was booked into the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility and charged with Violation of Felony Probation by FCSO. He was also booked on an four active warrants: two warrants from Volusia County, one from St. John’s County and one from Jacksonville. He is being held with no bond. The money from Monday’s bank robbery was recovered during the traffic stop.

Heinrichs was charged with Driving with a Suspended License, second offense. She is being held on a \$2,000.00 bond.

Wardell has previously spent time in prison for armed robbery, grand theft, organized fraud, burglary, theft, and drug and weapons charges.

Police-worn body camera footage will be released when it is available.

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