



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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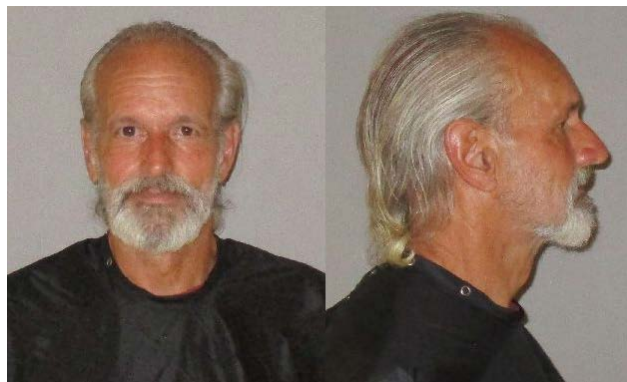
NEWS RELEASE

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Transient Trespassing in Construction Site **Arrested for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender**

Deputies responded to the area of the Palm Coast Library on Friday afternoon after locating a male on the property that is currently marked as a construction zone. The male was giving the name of Ronald E. Phelps, however information was received that it was a false name.



Booking photo for Ronald E. Weikert.

The male was unable to provide identification but claimed to be a transient from Alaska. FCSO Corporal Mello used his agency issued Rapid ID to identify the male through his fingerprint. The Rapid ID identified him as Ronald E. Weikert, age 69. It also reported that Weikert had an active warrant out of Lake County, Florida. The warrant was confirmed by Flagler County Communications Specialists.

The warrant is for Failure to Comply with Sexual Offender Registration Requirements, with a bond of \$5,000 and signed on April 16, 2018 by Judge Heidi Davids.

"This is another example of the necessity of advancing technology these days," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "If the criminals won't be honest with us, at least technology doesn't lie. Now a sexual offender is off the streets and back in jail."

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Weikert was placed under arrest and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility where he will be held pending extradition to Lake County, Florida.

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