

Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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<u>Father and Son Attack Deputies While</u> <u>Attempting to Flee</u>

Just after midnight, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) responded to 3345 Old Kings Road South in Flagler Beach, for a verbal disturbance. Once on scene, deputies made contact with witnesses who advised a male, later identified as Darren Kuback (51 years old), was yelling in the area and behaving strangely.



Left: Darren Kuback

Right: Tyler Kuback

Witnesses also told deputies that Darren Kuback had walked off to his trailer after telling them that he had lost his son Tyler Kuback (25 years old) who has an active warrant for his arrest out of Volusia County for Failure to Return Leased Equipment.

Deputies responded to Darren Kuback's trailer where they saw him walking outside. Darren was told

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multiple times to stop which he ignored and instead attempted to flee the area and enter his trailer. Deputies were able to secure Darren and sit him on the ground outside.

Deputies then entered Darren's trailer and located his son, Tyler Kuback, who was secured in handcuffs for officer safety while FCSO confirmed Tyler's warrant out of Volusia County. FCSO verified the warrant and informed Tyler that he was under arrest. It was at this time that Tyler pulled away from deputies and attempted to run from the area.

Deputies were able to secure Tyler outside of the trailer but while attempting to gain control of Tyler, Darren began jumping on the deputies backs and struck one deputy in the eye with his fist in an attempt to free his son. Tyler was actively resisting deputies as well by pinching and attempted to pull at their gun belts.

Numerous deputies arrived on scene and eventually Darren and Tyler were both secured without further incident.

"This is a really unfortunate situation," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This father knew his son had a warrant for his arrest but instead of encouraging him to turn himself in, he decided to cause a scene, fight with law enforcement, and ultimately place his neighbors, his son, my deputies, and himself in an extremely dangerous situation. This could have gone a very different way and I am thankful that no one was seriously injured and that these two are both in the Green Roof Inn where they belong. Remember, if you fight or run from us, you will only go to jail tired. And with more charges."

Darren Kuback and Tyler Kuback were arrested and brought to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility.

Darren Kuback is being charged with Resisting and Officer without Violence and Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer. He is being held on no bond. Tyler Kuback is being charged with Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer and Attempted Escape. He is also being held on no bond.

Darren Kuback has prior arrests for DUI and Domestic Aggravated Assault. Tyler Kuback has previous arrests for various drug charges, retail shoplifting, and violation of probation.

Video of the incident can be seen here: <u>https://www.dropbox.com/s/4hfw3eyhwd37693/19-45599.mp4?dl=0</u>

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