



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Concerned Citizens Alert Deputies to Residential Burglaries in Palm Coast C-Section**

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) responded to a report of a burglary on Thursday afternoon just before 5:00 p.m. on 2 Cortes Court in Palm Coast.

A resident alerted deputies that she was sitting in her living room when she noticed a man at her back door trying to open it. The suspect was described as a white male with a thin build, dark hair and wearing a red shirt, black pants, red socks, and white tennis shoes. The man fled when confronted by the homeowner.

While deputies were attempting to locate the man, a witness flagged down deputies and told them that the suspect was seen walking between houses and was carrying a large duffle bag over his shoulder. At the same time, Flagler County Fire Flight, the emergency helicopter, alerted deputies that they had a visual on a white male in the same area as stated by the witness. Fire Flight witnessed the suspect ditch the bag in the wood line and started walking westbound on Collingwood Lane. Deputies then stopped the suspected at the intersection of Collingwood Lane and Palm Harbor Parkway and detained him.

Two black bags were located in the wood line in the same area that the suspect, now identified as Michael Shawn McRoberts Jr., was observed coming from. The bags contained multiple cell phones and tablets along with approximately 18 bottles of prescribed medication. The owners of the stolen items were identified and the items were returned to their rightful owners.

McRoberts refused to speak with deputies. He was placed under arrest and charged with two counts of Dealing in Stolen Property, Tampering with Evidence, Loitering or Prowling, and Resisting an Officer without Violence.

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McRoberts booking from from June 6, 2019.

“I’m proud of our team for quickly taking this repeat offender off the streets and returning the stolen items to their owners,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “I’m especially grateful to the community that saw this occurring and immediately said something. The team effort between our residents, Fireflight, 9-1-1 dispatchers and our deputies helped us locate and identify this suspect. An engaged community is a great partner to our law enforcement efforts and proves once again ‘if you see something, say something’ works.”

Upon arrival at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, McRoberts became agitated that it was taking so long to be booked in and eventually told deputies take him to the hospital while he began beating his head on the security divider inside the patrol vehicle. McRoberts was taken to Advent Health Care for evaluation where he was observed and released by Advent Health. McRoberts was transported back to Detention Facility. He is being held on a \$12,000.00 bond.

McRoberts has a lengthy arrest history in Flagler County for crimes including Burglary, Criminal Mischief, and drug charges.

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