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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Detectives Track Armed Robbery Suspect to Georgia, FCSO Seeks Extradition**

The Kay Jewelers located in Palm Coast's Town Center was robbed on August 11, 2018. The suspects fled the area with over \$20,000.00 in jewelry prior to law enforcement arriving on scene.

The incident was captured on the store's surveillance system and showed two males enter the store when two employees were working. No customers were present during the incident. The suspects are seen attempting to take the keys to the display from the employees but were unsuccessful at which time one suspect pulls a sledgehammer from his pocket and strikes the center display case several times. The suspect then grabs multiple gold necklaces and immediately leaves the store. Blood collected from the broken glass on the display case was submitted for DNA analysis.

Flagler Sheriff's Detectives followed numerous leads which twice led them to Savannah, Georgia. The primary suspect was identified as Tyrone Lamar Walker, 25, of Savannah, based on surveillance footage obtained from the jewelry chain. FCSO's Corporal Hristakopoulos and Detective Costello traveled to Savannah to make contact with Tyrone Walker, who was in the Chatham County Jail for a separate offense.

Walker spoke to detectives and confessed to the robbery but refused to provide any information on his partner in crime. A DNA search warrant was executed on Walker and the results were returned on October 12, 2018 showing a positive match confirming Walker as the primary suspect.

A charging affidavit was submitted to the State Attorney's Office on Tyrone Lamar Walker on January 14, 2019 for Armed Robbery with a Weapon (sledgehammer), Grand Theft over \$20,000.00, and Felony Criminal Mischief for the damage caused to Kay Jewelers. The warrant was signed on January 16, 2019 and Walker was arrested on these charges at the Chatham County Jail. FCSO has a detainer on Walker and is seeking extradition once his charges in Savannah are concluded.

FCSO Detectives continue to work with the Savannah Police Department to identify the second suspect. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges are possible.

"This is another outstanding job by our detectives," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Sometimes these cases take a while to solve but we continue to work them using every thread of evidence we have to build the case. We will not rest until his accomplice is also identified and arrested."

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