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Carjacking Suspect from Volusia County Apprehended by FCSO

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) received an alert from Volusia County around 4:30 p.m. that a carjacking suspect from their county was entering Flagler County on I-95 Northbound in a stolen white mail truck. FCSO deputies located the vehicle and took over the pursuit. FCSO Deputies exited their marked patrol vehicles in order to deploy Stop Sticks in an attempt to slow the vehicle as it was driving recklessly and not stopping for marked law enforcement patrol vehicles.

At the time FCSO Deputies were on the side of I-95, the suspect intentionally swerved and drove the mail truck directly toward the deputy. After thankfully missing the deputy, the suspect then swerved to the other side of the road in an attempt to intentionally strike a different FCSO Deputy attempting to deploy Stop Sticks. At that point, the back tire of the mail truck struck the Stop Sticks. The suspect lost control of the vehicle and overcorrected causing the truck to crash into a guardrail at mile marker 280 and flip.



Sheriff Staly and Deputy Cavas in front of the crashed mail truck.

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Volusia and Flagler County Deputies were then able to take the sole occupant of the vehicle into custody and transport him to Advent Health Palm Coast for a medical evaluation.

“This is another great example of our agencies working together,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “The suspect immediately told deputies that he was high on meth and cocaine. It is a miracle that no deputies, police officers, or other travelers on the roadway were hurt during the reckless driving of this suspect. I’m especially grateful that his efforts to injure my deputies failed. Criminals need to learn that if you commit crimes in Flagler County you will end up in the Green Roof Inn where you belong.”

The driver, Jesse Estep, DOB 3/24/1990, is being arrested by FCSO for Grand Theft Auto, Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding, and two counts Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer. He will be transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility once medically cleared by the hospital. He faces charges in Volusia County also.

The Postal Service responded to take possession of their vehicle. Federal charges may also be pending.

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