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Man Arrested for Multiple Felony Charges after GPS on Stolen Car Leads FCSO Directly to Car Thief

On October 7, the Flagler Beach Police Department (FBPD) responded to the Publix Supermarket on Beach Village Drive in response to a stolen vehicle. The victim reported to FBPD that she had left the rental vehicle running in the parking lot while she went inside the store and when she came back outside, she witnessed three suspects enter the car and drive off.



Pictured Above: Elisha Payne Clark

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) responded to assist with the call. Further investigation found that the rental company had installed a GPS tracker on the vehicle and was able to pinpoint the car's location to 84 Forest Grove Drive in Palm Coast. FCSO responded to the residence and observed the vehicle parked in front of the home.

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While arriving on the scene, FCSO observed a black male and two Hispanic females exit the car. FCSO then witnessed the black male throw a large amount of cash onto the ground. It was at this time that FCSO deputies gave loud verbal commands for all three suspects to stop, to which they complied and were detained.

When FCSO deputies questioned the driver, Elisha Payne Clark (21 years old), he explained that he lives at 84 Forest Grove Drive and that the vehicle was simply left in front of his home by one of his "home boys." He did not disclose a name. Clark said he only entered the vehicle to smoke marijuana and that he owns nothing that may be inside of the car.

FCSO deputies interviewed the two female passengers who said they were at the house to pick up their belongings and when they arrived, he was inside the vehicle. Furthermore, Clark's cell phone was plugged into a charger inside the vehicle laying on the driver's seat. FCSO conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle. During the search a backpack was located on the driver's floor board where Clark was sitting. Inside the backpack FCSO found one digital scale, 129 grams of Marijuana, 3 Hydrocodone Pills, tablets of Ecstasy, and over \$881.00 worth of cash.

"This is another great example of how neighboring agencies and technology can come together to stop crime," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This is a guy who obviously has not learned his lesson and has no respect for the law or the property of others. It is poetic justice that the car he stole led us right to him and his drugs. I am happy that we were able to quickly return the vehicle. If you break the law in Flagler County, you'll automatically book yourself a stay at the Green Roof Inn. This is also a reminder to never leave your car running while away from it."

Elisha Clark was arrested and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. He is charged with two counts of Marijuana Possession over 20 Grams, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Hydrocodone, Marijuana Possession with Intent to Sell, MDMA possession, and Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle. He is being held on a \$9,000.00 bond.

This is not Clark's first run in with law enforcement. Clark has been arrested seven times in Flagler County for various charges including Grand Theft, Burglary, Marijuana Possession, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, and Possession of Alprazolam.

The two passengers were released from the scene.

Video of the arrest can be seen here: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1mQgE73_3bfwum9lW19jxXOY-a0n30NjN

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