



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FCSO Recovers 15 Kilos of Cocaine that Washed up on the Beach

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) received an anonymous call on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. regarding a duffel bag that washed up on the beach on Surfview Drive in the Hammock area of Palm Coast.

The duffel bag was covered in barnacles and seaweed and contained fifteen individually wrapped packages. The bag also contained a large amount of sand and shells and had clearly been in the ocean for some time.

One of the kilo-sized bricks was open and a block of white substance was exposed. The substance field-tested positive for cocaine.



The kilo-sized bricks found within the duffel bag washed up on the beach.

"It is likely that these drugs have been in the ocean for a long time and they just happened to wash up on our beach from the rough surf and wind we have had the last few days," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "I'm thankful that the person who located the bag did the right thing and called us. These are dangerous narcotics and could be deadly in the wrong hands."

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A search of the beach was conducted and no additional bags were located. Surrounding law enforcement agencies were notified of the narcotics so that they could check their beaches.

If you come across a suspicious package, call law enforcement immediately. To remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-277-TIPS (8477). You could be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000.00.

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