

## Rick Staly, Sheriff

## FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FCSO Arrests Palm Coast Man Attempting Suicide By Cop

On November 26, 2019, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) responded to a domestic disturbance call at 22 Oasis Circle. Palm Coast.





Left: Craig Dolgin stand in the door way of his home brandishing a knife in each hand. Right: Craig Dolgin booking photo.

The victim advised that her son, Craig Dolgin (48 years old), had been drinking and instigated a verbal argument with her that became physical when he threw a drink at her. The victim further stated that when she attempted to call 911 Dolgin broke her phones, grabbed her by the wrist and threw her down twice and told her that he wanted "the police to come and shoot him". The victim then fled the residence and went to a neighbor's home to contact FCSO.

Deputies attempted to make contact with Dolgin at 22 Oasis Circle. While securing the perimeter, deputies could observe Goldin through a window pacing inside the residence with loud music playing. Deputies repeatedly asked Dolgin to come to the front door, which he did briefly before slamming it shut. While the door was opened, it was visible to deputies that Dolgin was carrying a large knife.

Deputies continued to observe Dolgin through a window and watched him take large gulps from a whiskey bottle and pick up another knife. Deputies eventually convinced Craig to open the front door

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to talk and instructed him to put the knives down. Dolgin eventually complied but then became uncooperative and started fighting with law enforcement. Deputies defending themselves and took Dolgin to the ground where he continued to resist and attempted to grab a deputy's gun. He handcuffed and taken into custody.

Dolgin was evaluated by Fire Rescue on scene before being transported to Advent Health for further evaluation. While there, Dolgin became uncooperative with hospital staff and refused medical care. Dolgin was released from Advent Health and was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility.

"Sgt. Breckwoldt and his team did an outstanding job trying to deescalate a very dangerous situation despite the suspect's actions and resistance," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This is another example of our training paying off. Everyone got to go home or to jail with no injuries. However, this is not the way we want to start the long Thanksgiving weekend but it you resist and fight our deputies you will go to jail."

Craig Steven Dolgin was arrested for Domestic Battery on a person 65 years of age or older, Tampering with a Witness, Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, and Resisting an Officer with Violence. In addition, due to Dolgin's statements of wanting to commit suicide by cop, Baker Act paperwork was completed and left at the Flagler County Detention Facility. He is being held on no bond.

Video of the arrest can be found here:

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