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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FCSO Uses LPR Technology to Apprehend Another Car Thief – This is the 14th Stolen Car Recovered using LPR Technology since January 2019

On April 14, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) was alerted that a License Plate Reader (LPR) read the tag of a red Honda CR-V that had been reported stolen in Flagler County.



Pictured Above: The stolen vehicle brought to a stop on Old Dixie Highway after the successful deployment of stop stick by FCSO deputies.

Deputies were able to locate the vehicle traveling on Seminole Woods. FCSO deputies attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle by activating lights and sirens. The driver, later determined to be 23-year-old John Germain, ignored deputies and instead began to travel at accelerated speeds through the area of State Road 100 and Seminole Woods. It was then that FCSO deputies witnessed an object thrown out of the passenger window.

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As Germain continued to accelerate and drive more dangerously, FCSO terminated the apprehension and followed the vehicle from a safe distance while continuously updating dispatch on the locations. FCSO attempted to deploy stop sticks at the intersection of Kingswood Drive and Old Kings Road. However, Germain crossed the median to avoid the stop sticks and continued to drive northbound on Old Kings Road towards I-95 to travel south.

Germain continued to drive south on I-95 where he exited on to Old Dixie Highway. Deputies were able to successfully deploy stop sticks, deflating the two front tires of the vehicle. After the vehicle came to stop, FCSO conducted a felony traffic stop and both the Germain and his passenger, 24-year-old Bradford Patrick, exited the vehicle without incident.

A search of the vehicle and occupants found a pair of brass knuckles to be in Germain's possession. Additionally, FCSO conducted a search of the area where the object was thrown from the vehicle and located one clear plastic bag that was ripped but still had a small amount of white powdery substance in it. The substance was entered into evidence for analysis to confirm the contents.

"This is another example of how leveraging technology can help us effectively solve and prevent crime in Flagler County," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This is a guy that obviously thinks nothing of stealing your property. Who knows what other crimes this quick apprehension has prevented. Thanks to the great work of our deputies and this new technology, Germain is in the Green Roof Inn where he belongs."



Pictured Above: John Germain booking photo.

Germain was arrested for Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Burglary of Conveyance, Fleeing and Eluding, as well as Carrying a Concealed Weapon during the Commission of a Felony. He is currently being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility on a \$7,000.00 bond.

Charges are pending for Bradford Patrick for throwing the unknown substance out of the passenger

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window during the pursuit.

Sheriff Staly noted this crime could have been prevented if the keys had not been left in an unlocked car overnight. FCSO reminds our residents to always lock their cars and never leave keys to your car or your spouses in a car.

View video of the apprehension here:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/bcob53svhzolhwd/Attempted_stop_stick_deployment_kingswood_old_kings.mp4?dl=0

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/gomb4v64ya5o1er/Germain.mp4?dl=0>

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