



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Illegal Alien in Custody for Capital Felonies for Sexual Battery on a Child - Suspect faces Multi-County Sexual Battery Charges**

Flagler County Sheriff's Detectives received a call from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) Special Assault Unit on May 1, 2018 regarding a suspect they had in custody for multiple counts of sexual battery on a child. JSO's investigation uncovered evidence of sexual battery in multiple counties in Florida, including Flagler. All of the incidents in question involved the same suspect and victim.

According to the victim, the sexual relationship began when she was approximately five-years-old and continued until the victim was sixteen-years-old. The incidents in Flagler County occurred between 2009 and 2012 when the victim was seven to ten years of age.

On January 10, 2019, a Flagler County judge found probable cause to issue warrants charging that between 2/19/2009 and 2/21/2012, Michael Denis King, 39, did knowingly and intentionally commit the offenses of Sexual Battery on a Person Less than 12 Years of Age and Lewd or Lascivious Molestation.

King was served with the Flagler County warrant on Friday, January 11, 2019, at the Duval County Jail in Jacksonville, Florida, and is being held on a \$1.5 million bond.

"Not only has this violent offender spent the past decade preying on an innocent child, but he is also in this country illegally," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "I hope there is a special place in hell for people like him as anything less is too lenient. He is a threat to any child and I hope he spends the rest of his life in prison. Our children are the future of this country and they deserve a loving and safe childhood. This dirtbag took that away from our victim."

Michael King is an illegal alien from England, and he is currently under an immigration hold. He also has pending felony charges in Duval County, Orange County, Alachua County and Flagler County for Capital Felonies. Additional charges are pending as this investigation continues.

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