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Year Old Car Burglary Solved after Defendants Arrested for New Burglary Charges in 2020

During the investigation into the car burglaries that occurred on January 8, 2020, detectives were able to link two of the defendants to a year's old case in Flagler Beach. The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) has charged 26-year-old She'Maliz May (DOB 4/24/1993) and 23-year-old Rickain Johnson (DOB 2/13/1986) with additional burglary charges dating back to January 18, 2019, at an incident that occurred at the Fitness One on Old Kings Road in Flagler Beach.

At the time, the victim reported that the rear driver's side window was shattered and cash, credit cards, a debit card, and a social security card were stolen from the victim's purse. One of the stolen credit cards was later used at the Palm Coast Target. The incident was captured on surveillance cameras and all Florida Law Enforcement Agencies were made aware of the incident in an attempt to identify the perpetrators.



Left to Right: Mays and Johnson on surveillance on January 18, 2019.

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After May and Johnson were arrested for the January 8, 2020 car burglaries, detectives interviewed May regarding the Fitness One case from 2019. May admitted to the burglary and linked Johnson as her co-conspirator who attempted to use the stolen credit card.

“This case dates back almost one year to the day, but our detectives quickly recognized these two and immediately looked back at the previous case to verify the connection,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “Hopefully this is the last time they try to prey on Flagler County residents since they should know by now that we don’t play around and crime stops in Flagler County.”

May and Johnson are still in custody at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. May was additionally charged with Burglary, Grand Theft, and Criminal Mischief for the January 2019 case. Johnson was additionally charged with Possession of a Stolen Credit Card. Both defendants are being held with no bond allowed.

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K-9 Holmes Sniffs Out Suspect Attempting to Flee Deputies after Committing Multiple Car Burglaries

The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) located a vehicle with a stolen tag in the Target parking lot around 6:40 pm on Tuesday. The vehicle was occupied by two subjects. Deputy Stogdon approached the vehicle and identified the driver as 26-year-old She’Maliz May (DOB 4/24/1993). At the time the driver exited the vehicle, the back seat passenger, later identified as 23-year-old Rickain Johnson (DOB 2/13/1986), fled on foot through the Target parking lot.



From left: Rickain Johnson, She’Maliz May, and Laquada Davis.

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Additional FCSO units arrived to search for the suspect who had fled on foot. Corporal Fred Gimbel and K-9 Holmes also arrived. Utilizing the passenger's seat as a scent article, K-9 Holmes was deployed and pursued the trail directly west through the Target parking lot. As the team approached Walgreens, the suspect ran again. Cpl. Gimbel, K-9 Holmes, along with other deputies on scene located the suspect and Deputy McCarthy apprehended Johnson at the corner of Belle Terre Pkwy and SR 100.

The investigation revealed that a third party had exited the vehicle prior to law enforcement arrival and was inside the Taco Bell restaurant across the street. That occupant, 27-year-old Laquada Davis (DOB 5/25/1992), was taken into custody at the Taco Bell and arrested.

Further investigation revealed that these subjects were involved in several vehicle burglaries in Flagler County. Two "smash and grab" style vehicle burglaries were reported as the deputies were investigating the stolen tag. One was reported at the Cypress Golf Course and the victim stated that credit cards were stolen and then fraudulently used at the Palm Coast Walmart.

The second burglary was reported at the Belle Terre Swim and Racquet Club where the victim reported a purse stolen.

Upon reviewing the in store surveillance footage both the Palm Coast Walmart and Palm Coast Target, it was discovered that both Johnson and Davis possessed and fraudulently used the stolen credit cards.

Johnson told deputies that he knew he was on probation and became scared when he saw law enforcement, which is why he ran.

During an inventory of the vehicle prior to towing, deputies located two spring-loaded window punches, one flashlight, numerous gift cards, and a pair of gloves with fragments of glass in them. Deputies also located driver's licenses for the victims, as well as a social security card belonging to one victim and an immigration card belonging to another victim. Multiple opened packages of \$200.00 Visa gift cards were located and money orders. Loose currency was also found within the vehicle and seized as evidence.

By 7:30 pm, Davis, Johnson and May were placed under arrest and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility.

"This is another example of good police work, technology and K-9's coming together to apprehend suspects that thought they could prey on our community," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "These three decided to make a pit stop after a busy night of breaking into vehicles and they found out the hard way that crime doesn't pay and if you run from our deputies you will only go to jail tired. I am happy that we were able to return the stolen property to the owners. I want to congratulate Corporal Gimble and K-9 Holmes on their first successful track."

May is charged with Driving While License Suspended- Habitual Traffic Violator, Felony Petit Theft and two counts of Accessory after the Fact for Burglary of an Unoccupied Conveyance. She is being held on no bond.

Johnson is charged with two counts of Burglary of an Unoccupied Conveyance, two counts of Criminal Mischief, two counts of Petit Theft, two counts of Possession of a Stolen Credit Card and four counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card over \$100.00 and one count of Resisting Arrest without Violence. He is being held on no bond.

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Davis is charged with five (5) counts of Fraudulent use of a Credit Card over \$100.00, two counts of Possession of a Stolen Credit Card and two counts of Accessory after the Fact for Burglary of an Unoccupied Conveyance. She is held on an \$18,500 bond.

The stolen property was returned to the victims.

Video of the arrest can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/1iOjVUXTsvI>

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