



Rick Staly, Sheriff

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Two Co-conspirators Arrested for October 2018 Shooting in Palm Coast's 'W' Section

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Major Case Unit obtained two arrest warrants on Tuesday, February 4, for 18-year-old Jimaya Baker (DOB 6/3/2001) and 20-year-old Diovion Smith (DOB 11/25/1999) regarding an armed robbery that took place during the early morning hours on October 16, 2018 on White Star Drive in Palm Coast. During that incident, the then 19-year-old victim, Carl Saint Felix, was shot and severely injured in a botched robbery. The shooting left the victim disabled.



Booking photos for Baker (left) and Smith (right).

During the course of the investigation, the Major Case Unit was quickly able to identify the involved parties. The shooter, Princess Williams (DOB 6/16/1997), was arrested on October 17, 2018, and charged with Attempted First Degree Murder with a Firearm, Attempted Robbery with a Firearm, and Attempted Burglary while Armed. She recently plead guilty to all charges and will be sentenced in July.

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The investigation continued past the arrest of the shooter and corroborating evidence was gathered that clearly established the roles of two others, Jimaya Baker and Diovion Smith.

“These accomplices probably thought they had gotten away with this crime,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “But, our investigators continued to work this case thoroughly in order to identify all of the accomplices. While we all like to close cases immediately and did quickly arrest the shooter, the case doesn’t always end there and additional follow-up is needed in order to identify all aspects of the incident.”

The FCSO Problem Area Crime Enforcement (PACE) Unit was able to locate and arrest Baker and Smith for their involvement in the incident on February 5, 2020. Both have been booked into the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. Baker is being held on a \$50,000.00 bond and Smith is being held on a \$100,000.00 bond.

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## **UPDATE: Suspect Arrested for Attempted Murder**

On Wednesday evening, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Princess Williams (DOB 6/16/1997), of Daytona Beach, was arrested for the shooting that occurred on White Star Drive in Palm Coast on Tuesday morning. The victim, Carl Saint-Felix, 19, remains in the hospital in critical condition.



Left: White Star Drive in Palm Coast. Right: Princess Williams, 21, in the VCSO booking photo.

The investigation by Flagler County Sheriff’s Detectives following the shooting revealed that Williams

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traveled to meet Saint-Felix for a narcotics deal. Williams entered Saint-Felix's vehicle and while trying to rob him of his drugs and money shot him in the back of the neck. Williams then fled the scene.

Williams voluntarily agreed to meet with Flagler County Sheriff's Detectives at the Daytona Beach Police Department on Thursday evening where she was taken into custody and arrested.

"This shows again that where there is illegal drugs there are guns and violent crime," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Our detectives, patrol, communications, CSI and Crime Analytics Unit did a great job following up on all leads in this case and did not rest until they identified and located the suspect and witnesses. The victim is expected to live but this case also underscores the hazards of being a drug dealer. Fortunately, in this case, no innocent persons were injured."

Williams was charged with Attempted First Degree Murder with a Firearm, Attempted Robbery with a Firearm, and Attempted Burglary while Armed. She is being held at the Volusia County Jail awaiting extradition to Flagler County.

The investigation into this case is ongoing.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 16, 2018

## **Sheriff's Office Investigating Shooting Incident on White Star Drive in Palm Coast**

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office is working a shooting incident on White Star Drive in Palm Coast on Tuesday morning.

Deputies responded to White Star Drive just after 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning and found an adult inside of a vehicle with a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to the hospital with the assistance of Volusia County Sheriff's Air One emergency helicopter. Deputies, detectives and crime scene investigators are on scene conducting the investigation.

"This is an active investigation in the beginning stages," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "While we are still collecting the details of what occurred, we do believe this is an isolated incident and there is no threat to the public."

A portion of White Star Drive will be temporarily closed while the investigation is ongoing. The Flagler County Bus Garage has been notified of the road closure in order to re-route school buses for Tuesday morning.

Additional details will be released as the investigation advances.

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