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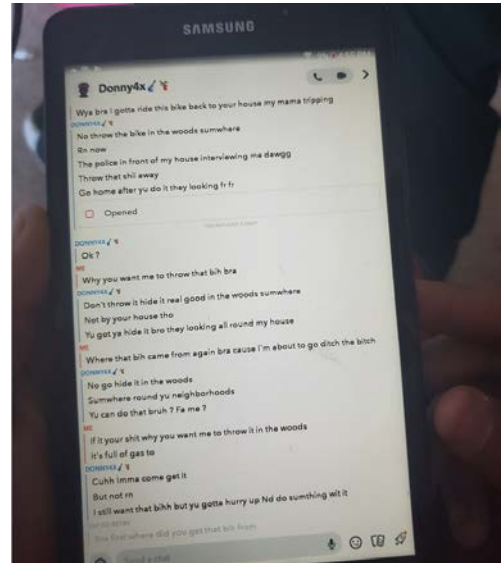
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## NEWS RELEASE

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### 'See Something, Say Something,' Technology, and Good Police Work Leads to Recovery of Stolen Property and Multiple Felony Charges for Juvenile Offender

On February 2, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) responded to 27 Bressler Lane after receiving a report that a red and white Honda CRF 50 was stolen out of the garage. In addition to reporting the crime to FCSO, the victim posted pictures on Facebook to solicit the community's help in locating the motorbike.



Left: The recovered motorbike. Right: The text message exchange between the defendant and his friend.

The community responded and soon the victim received pictures that were taken of two younger males in the area of the theft riding a Honda CRF 50 matching the description of the stolen motorbike. A photo was also captured of one of the males pushing the Honda motorbike up a driveway on Breeze Hill Lane.

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On February 3, FCSO deputies began canvassing the Breeze Hill Lane area and through investigative leads were able to make contact with the residents of 46 Breeze Hill Lane, Donovan McCloud (16 years old) and his mother.

When question about the stolen motorbike, McCloud stated that a friend from school had brought the motorbike to his house so they could ride it. McCloud told deputies he had no idea that it was stolen.

Simultaneously, while FCSO was conducting the investigation at 46 Breeze Hill Lane, a resident on Bayside Drive contacted the victim on social media stating that they had just seen a young black male riding a motorbike. After receiving this information, the victim went to Bayside Drive to search for his motorbike and found it parked on the side of the house at 161 Bayside Drive.

The Honda CRF 50 was then recovered by deputies and released back to the victim. Deputies made contact with a juvenile and his mother who reside at the address.

When questioned by deputies, the juvenile stated that he did not know the motorbike was stolen and thought it had belonged to McCloud. While deputies were speaking with the juvenile, he began receiving messages on his phone from McCloud instructing him to put the motorbike in the woods and hide it. In the messages, McCloud also describes the location of where he initially stole the motorbike from and tells the juvenile to watch out for a blue Ford, the vehicle FCSO investigators were driving. The last message that the juvenile received from McCloud revealed his intention to sell the motorbike to someone in Jacksonville.

FCSO detectives went back to 46 Breeze Hill Lane and conducted a formal interview with McCloud with his mother present. Post Miranda and after several different stories, McCloud admitted to stealing the motorbike.

“Guardianship policing was implemented three years ago so we now have an engaged community using the ‘see something, say something’ initiative and working alongside law enforcement to solve a crime,” Sheriff Staly said. “I’ve always said that an engaged community is a safer community and this case proves that. This juvenile has no respect for the property of others and thought he could use technology to outwit our deputies and had no intention of returning the stolen motorbike. Not only that, he was trying to get his friend to cover up his crime. I hope he learns from this and can get back on the right track. Thank you to all of the citizens whose tips and pictures helped our investigators quickly return this stolen property back to the victim and make an arrest.”

McCloud was arrested and charged with Burglary of an Occupied Dwelling and Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle. He was released back to his mother at the direction of the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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