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NEWS RELEASE

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Woman Arrested for Putting Easter Eggs with Explicit Content in Mailboxes

Since Sunday, April 5, 2020, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) has received numerous calls from local residents throughout Flagler County stating that they found a plastic Easter egg in their mailbox that contained pornographic images, non-threatening references to local churches and county buildings, and other miscellaneous items.

On Wednesday evening, FCSO received multiple calls from residents reporting that a female was once again placing plastic eggs in mailboxes, this time on Hernandez Avenue. Corporal Jacob had previously identified the suspect vehicle as a 2004 silver Honda Civic. FCSO's Problem Area Crime Enforcement (PACE) Unit began to search areas where the reports were coming from. At 11:19 p.m., PACE located the vehicle traveling north on Belle Terre Parkway at Whiteview Parkway and a traffic stop was conducted.



Abril Cestoni's booking photo.

During the investigation, 42-year-old Abril Cestoni (DOB 4/10/1977) admitted to placing the items in the mailboxes stating that she was educating people. There was a bag full of pornographic material

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86-437-4116 – Fax 386-586-482 www.flaglersheriff.com inside the vehicle and she told deputies that she had distributed over 400 pamphlets in the past few days throughout Flagler County. Cestoni did not have any symptoms of COVID-19.

"Our team did a great job in tracking this deranged offender down and taking her into custody," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Thankfully she did not appear to be sick with COVID-19 symptoms, but she certainly needs some help. This again proves that 'see something, say something' works and we thank the community for being part of our guardianship policing philosophy."

Cestoni was arrested and charged with 11 counts of Distributing Obscene Material. It was also determined that Cestoni did not have a valid driver's license. She was additionally charged with Driving with a Suspended License and Violating Executive Order 20-91 for conducting travel not related to essential activity. She was booked into the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility and is being held on a \$7,000.00 bond.

Cestoni has previously been arrested in Flagler County for Driving with a Suspended License, Writ of Bodily Attachment, and Failure to Appear for a Traffic Summons.

Additional charges may be pending as the investigation continues.

Original News Release below:

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FCSO Asking for Public's Assistance in Identifying Suspect Putting Easter Eggs with Explicit Content in Mailboxes

On Sunday, April 5, 2020, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) received calls from local residents in Flagler County about a suspicious package found inside their mailboxes.

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Above: Plastic Egg found in mailbox containing cracker, drink mix and pornographic image.

The callers told deputies that their flag on their mailbox was in the 'up' position. When they looked inside, they found a plastic Easter egg. Inside the egg was a cracker in the shape of a fish, one sheet of toilet paper, a powdered drink mix, and a crumpled up piece of paper containing pornographic images.

"The person who did this is not only a very sick individual but could actually be spreading COVID-19 by their actions," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "We are working to identify the offender and put them in the Green Roof Inn. If anyone else receives something like this or has information on who did this, we ask that you call us immediately."

The FCSO is currently investigating this incident. If you have any information on who may be doing this or if your home surveillance system has captured the suspect or suspect vehicle, please call 386-313-4911 or email <u>TIPS@FlaglerSheriff.Com</u>, and mention Case No. 2020-32323. You can also call CrimeStoppers of NE Florida at 1-888-277-TIPS.

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