

## **Rick Staly, Sheriff** FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Multiple Charges for Ex-Felon Who Attempted to Flee from Deputies in Stolen Car

On Thursday, June 17, 2021, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) responded to a call about a stolen vehicle on US-1.

FCSO deputies and officers with the Bunnell Police Department (BPD) observed the vehicle, a white Saturn SUV, traveling northbound on US1 approaching Bunnell and began following the driver, later identified as Robert Moore (DOB: 6/4/1978). Flagler County Fire Flight additionally responded to keep visual of the vehicle from the air.



The suspect was later identified as Robert L Moore (DOB: 6/4/1978)

BPD attempted a traffic stop on Moore but he ignored the attempt and fled northbound on US-1 before turning on to State Road 100 West. Stop sticks were also deployed but were unsuccessful.



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FCSO deputies observed Moore's vehicle and attempted a second traffic stop. However, Moore again disregarded the attempt and proceeded to flee, passing motorists at high rates of speed and swerving in and out of oncoming traffic.

Due to the weather, dangerous road conditions, and the risk to public safety, the vehicle pursuit was stopped. A short time later, FCSO deputies successfully deployed stop sticks on Moore's car near State Road 100 West and CR-302 and a high-risk traffic stop was conducted.

Moore was secured and advised his friend had rented the car but he was unsure from where, and that he was unaware the vehicle was stolen. He also claimed he was not the driver. Through investigative measures it was determined the passenger did not have any criminal involvement with the stolen vehicle and he was released from the scene.

This is not Moore's first encounter with law enforcement. He's been previously arrested in Flagler, Volusia, and Putnam County for multiple charges including Drug Possession, Domestic Violence, Aggravated Battery on Law Enforcement, Resisting an Officer with Violence, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Driving While Licenses Suspended or Revoked, Threats to do Violence, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and more.

"Here we have another stolen vehicle entering Flagler County resulting with another criminal booking a stay at the Green Roof Inn," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This guy has a long history of criminal activity and has had too many chances by the system. It's time for him to be held accountable and go to prison. Not only did he put multiple law enforcement officers at risk, but his reckless driving also put countless other lives in danger. I commend our deputies and the officers of Bunnell PD for their teamwork in apprehending this guy as safely as they did, and I'm grateful that no one was hurt."

Moore was arrested and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. He is charged with Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement with Disregard of Safety to Persons or Property, and Driving While License Suspended.

Additionally, Moore has been charged by BPD for Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement Officer with Lights and Sirens and Driving While License Suspended. He is currently held on a \$57,500 bond.

Video of the incident can be seen here: <u>https://youtu.be/msGZLnRp26A</u>

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