



Rick Staly, Sheriff

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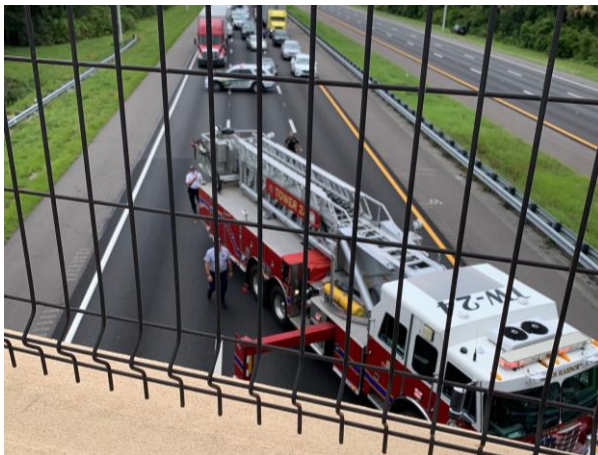
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FCSO Saves Juvenile Trying to Jump Off Palm Coast Parkway & I-95 Bridge – Sheriff Implores Department of Children and Families to Step in Before it's Too Late

Earlier this afternoon, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) received calls from multiple bystanders who reported that a juvenile was standing on the outside of the overpass bridge of Palm Coast Parkway and I-95 and threatening to jump.



Deputies shut down Palm Coast Parkway and I-95 re-routing traffic as multiple agencies responded, including the FCSO Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT), Flagler Beach Police Department (FBPD), Palm Coast Fire Department (PCFD), and Florida Highway Patrol (FHP).

Due to previous engagements with law enforcement, deputies were aware that the juvenile doesn't like males and formed a female negotiation team to assist in the juvenile's rescue. With the assistance of the PCFD, the juvenile was successfully rescued by using a fire engine ladder, and DFC Rainey secured her, safely bringing her to the ground after an hour of negotiations.

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"I implore the Department of Children and Families to intervene quickly and get this juvenile the help she needs before it is too late," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "She is crying-out for help and I am fearful that one time she will be successful. The quick response and combined efforts of FCSO deputies, Crisis Negotiations, Communications Center, Fire Rescue saved a life today. I hope that she gets the help she desperately needs."

The juvenile was placed under a Baker Act and transported to Halifax for further medical evaluations. Footage of the incident can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/WWFbJJePpGY>

There are numerous resources for help with mental health struggles in Flagler County. For more information visit <http://www.flaglerlifeline.org/local-mental-health-services/> or call 800-273-8255. You can also visit: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

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