



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FCSO Arrests Dangerous Fugitive Hiding in Flagler and Wanted in Jacksonville

On September 9, 2021, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) received information that a wanted subject identified as Steven Walker Tran (DOB: 9/14/1989) would arrive at the Olive Garden located at 5294 E. State Road 100 in Palm Coast. Tran had an Active Warrant for his arrest from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon.



Steven Walker Tran in his FCSO booking photo

Through community policing efforts, deputies developed a source of information that provided limited information about "Steven," who was operating a 2019 BMW M5 and was acting suspiciously. Utilizing investigative techniques, the male was identified and confirmed to be the wanted subject.

Deputies then developed a safe strategy to apprehend the subject. Upon his arrival to the Olive Garden he began to park his vehicle when an FCSO marked patrol vehicle blocked him in to prevent Tran from

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fleeing law enforcement. A felony stop was conducted and Tran was secured without incident. Tran was known to carry a firearm.

Tran was wanted by JSO for an altercation that occurred in Jacksonville in January 2021. Tran and the victim were involved in a verbal altercation that escalated when Tran pulled out a gun and held it to the victim's head. Tran stated he was going to shoot the victim and then fled the residence.

"The investigative work in this case was phenomenal," Sheriff Staly said. "Deputies executed a well-planned strategy to safely apprehend a dangerous criminal. I'm proud of how our team handled this situation and that they were able to safely secure him without anyone being injured. He is now in jail where he belongs. This is just another reminder to criminals to stop coming to Flagler County because you can run from other jurisdictions, but you can't hide here!"

Steven Tran was placed under arrest and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. He is being charged held on the warrant with a \$50,003 bond. Jacksonville Sheriff's Office was notified and Tran will be extradited to Jacksonville.

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