

## Rick Staly, Sheriff

## FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FCSO Arrests Flagler Fugitive and Multi-Time **Convicted Felon on Drug and Firearm Charges**

On Monday, September 13, 2021, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) observed a male subject traveling on a bicycle on Avocado Boulevard in Bunnell. The subject, identified as Ryan Giovine (DOB: 7/29/1982), was known to have an active warrant and was a multi-time convicted felon in Flagler County.



Ryan Giovine in most recent jail booking photo

Deputies stopped Giovine and a gray-colored firearm was observed in Giovine's right hand as he was gripping the bicycle handlebars. Giovine was immediately secured for officer safety and advised the firearm was a BB gun. Multiple knives were observed attached to his backpack and upon a search, knives were also located in his pockets.

In Giovine's backpack, a zipper case was located which contained multiple narcotics including .5 grams of methamphetamine, .5 grams of fentanyl, multiple used hypodermic needles, and a digital scale and were seized.

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A criminal history search revealed Giovine is a local multi-time convicted felon who's been previously arrested for Aggravated Battery, Violation of Probation, Racketeering, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Battery, Petit Theft, Burglary of a Dwelling with Assault and Battery, Trespassing, Burglary of an Occupied Conveyance, Resisting Officer without Violence, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of a Concealed Firearm, and Possession of Ammunition by Convicted Felon in Flagler County. He also had an active Flagler County warrant for Domestic Battery by Strangulation.

"This guy is a career offender that must enjoy the Green Roof Inn accommodations since he is a frequent visitor," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "He's yet to learn his lesson but I'm hoping this time he does and is kept in jail by the judge. He's been running from law enforcement for months. Great job to the deputies who recognized this criminal and safely apprehended him."

Giovine was placed under arrest for the active felony warrant and the new drug charges. Upon arrival to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, a Detention Deputy located a single 9mm ammunition round. He was arrested for Possession of a Firearm/Ammo by a Convicted Felon, Aggravated Assault by Strangulation (warrant), Tampering with Evidence, Possession of Fentanyl, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$23,500 bond.

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