



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Two-Day Manhunt Leads to FCSO Arrest of Drug Trafficker and Felon, Find Multiple Narcotics**

A felon released from prison just last month finds himself in the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility after trying to elude Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies Wednesday.

After fleeing from an attempted traffic stop Tuesday, the FCSO was on the lookout for 22-year-old Michael Windom and his blue Nissan Altima. Due to the high rate of speed and extremely reckless driving on I-95 during the initial traffic stop attempt, the vehicle was not pursued for the safety of deputies and the community.



*Michael Windom in his jail booking photo.*

Just one day later, deputies spotted the vehicle in an apartment complex. Windom was seen kneeling near the back of the vehicle in an attempt to remove the license plate. When Windom saw the patrol vehicle, he fled on foot towards the complex. He ignored commands as he ran into a residence. Deputies continued issuing commands until Windom exited the apartment and was taken into custody.

When deputies went back to the suspect vehicle, they determined the car was a rental. While standing

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near the vehicle, deputies could smell cannabis and conducted a search of a backpack found on the ground next to the vehicle. Included in the bag were a package of plastic baggies, two digital scales (one with visible white powder residue) and several types of narcotics. Deputies also recovered \$600 located in a zippered pouch of the backpack. In total, deputies recovered 10.5g of fentanyl, 2g of crack cocaine, 10.6g of methamphetamines and 1.3g of cannabis.

Windom is no stranger to law enforcement. Released this past December, he has been previously charged with Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Battery, Possession of Cocaine, Burglary, Possession of MDMA, Resisting Officer without Violence, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, and Possession of a Weapon/Ammo by a Convicted Felon.

“Here’s a guy who deputies tried to pull over and he took off,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “Not only did he put deputies in danger but he put multiple lives in danger driving recklessly on the Interstate. Our patrol deputies did a phenomenal job searching for him and ultimately finding him, with enough poison to potentially kill 5,500 people. If you run from us you only delay your trip to the Green Roof Inn but we will get you. Clearly, his recent prison stay didn’t teach him a lesson, but hopefully the judge will keep him locked up now!”

Windom was arrested for Resisting Officer without Violence, Trafficking Fentanyl, Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Methamphetamines with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Cannabis Under 20g and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Windom was booked in to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility on a \$56,500 bond.

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