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## NEWS RELEASE

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## A 12-Time Convicted Felon is Back Behind Bars

Aggravated Robbery of his Estranged Wife's Residence



Andre Darrell Harvey photo on file with the Florida Department of Corrections.

A 12-time convicted felon is behind bars once again today after attempting to burglarize a home his estranged wife was inside of. Andre Darrell Harvey is being held in the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility on \$45,500 bond on nine felony charges and two misdemeanor charges.

Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies, an FCSO K-9 unit and the Volusia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) AirOne unit took part in a manhunt for the 44-year-old Palm Coast man in the W-Section of Palm Coast shortly after 2 a.m., Monday morning.

The search began after Harvey broke through a bedroom window of a Wellesley Lane home shortly after 1 a.m. Moments later, in the backyard of the home, Harvey would confront his estranged wife and point a gun at her chest. A short struggle would result in Harvey fleeing the scene in a gray Nissan.

Deputies spotted the car and pursued it onto Whetstone Drive where Harvey would park near a residence and flee on foot throwing an unknown object into an open garage and then run on the side of the home. A later search of the garage would result in the recovery of a handgun reported stolen in Miami. A further search near Harvey's vehicle resulted in the recovery of a plastic baggy containing 11 grams of fentanyl on the ground, near his abandoned car.

Deputies requested the assistance of an FCSO K-9 unit and VCSO's AirOne helicopter to help in the search. AirOne observed to see Harvey's heat signature on their FLIR system as he made his way through the neighborhood, eventually helping deputies track him down behind a Wheeling Lane home.

With convictions dating back to 1997, Harvey has been convicted 12 different times for various felonies including possession of cocaine, felony larceny and burglary.

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"A team effort between our deputies on the ground and AirOne helped capture this dirt bag yet again," Flagler Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This incident could have turned deadly to the victim or our deputies with a convicted felon armed with a stolen handgun. My question is what the hell is he doing free to prey on society once again with his criminal record? He needs to be put away for a very long time before he kills someone next time."

Harvey faces charges of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Armed Burglary of a Conveyance, Armed Burglary of a Dwelling, Fleeing and Eluding at High Speed, Trafficking Amounts of Fentanyl, Grand Theft of a Firearm, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Criminal Mischief, Possession of Ammo by a Convicted Felon, Tampering with Evidence and Resisting without Violence.

Watch the video of the pursuit and capture now: <u>https://bit.ly/CatchingAFelon</u>

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