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Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida Increases Reward to \$15,000 in Murder Case of Noah Smith

Flagler County Sheriff's Office Announces Related Arrest

A Friday afternoon press conference held at a new Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida billboard publicizing an increase in reward money in the homicide of Bunnell teen Noah Smith began with the announcement of an arrest in the case.



18-year-old Terrell Sampson's booking photo after his arrest.

Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly, Smith's family and a Crime Stoppers representative gathered with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Major Case Unit detectives at the site of the new billboard on U.S. Highway 1 in Bunnell, informing the community of an increase in the reward of up to \$15,000 for the tip leading to the arrest of Smith's killer. The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is asking for the community's assistance in getting his killer off the streets and behind bars.

Sheriff Staly additionally announced an arrest in connection with the case. The FCSO Major Case Unit (MCU) arrested 18-year-old Terrell Sampson after MCU detectives obtained a warrant for Possession of a Firearm by a Delinquent. Sampson was located by the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) and was arrested without incident. He is being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility on a \$100,000 bond.

Sampson is no stranger to law enforcement. He has a lengthy criminal history with seven felony convictions. He's previously been charged with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon without Intent to Kill, Simple Assault, Resisting an Officer without Violence, Domestic Battery, Domestic Battery by Strangulation, Criminal Mischief \$200 and Under, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Minor, Possession of a Controlled Substance without Prescription, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana and Sell/Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Sell.

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“I’d like to reiterate that while we’ve secured an arrest on unrelated charges this homicide investigation is still active and ongoing,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “The Major Case Unit is doing a great job investigating this extremely difficult case. Although we can’t discuss all the details, they’re tactically strategic in their tactics to solve this case and each day we get closer and closer to solving it. I’m proud of our team’s hard work and dedication in making this arrest and though there is a lot more work to do, I’m confident that we will solve this case and put the killer or killers behind bars where they belong.”

“The FCSO Major Case Unit has been working leads around the clock since the January 12 shooting,” Sheriff Rick Staly said.



Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly poses in front of the new Crime Stoppers billboard on U.S. Highway 1 in Bunnell.

The new heightened reward is thanks to Crime Stoppers of Northeast Florida increasing their reward and the support of the Florida Sheriff’s Association’s Criminal Apprehension Assistance Program. A total of \$15,000 could go to the person whose tip leads to an arrest involving the murder of the Bunnell teen. “We are grateful to have the support of Crime Stoppers for continuing to aid in the efforts of tracking down a killer,” added Sheriff Staly. “Now it’s time for the community to say it’s had enough and come forward and tell us what they know. Your help and information could honor the memory of Noah and put a killer in jail so together we can get justice for Noah and his family.”

If you have anything information that could help in the investigative efforts, please contact the FCSO or Crime Stoppers. Contact the FCSO by calling **386-313-4911**, email TIPS@FlaglerSheriff.com or call **Crime Stoppers at 1-888-277-TIPS**. To be eligible for the cash award your tip or information must be provided through Crime Stoppers.

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