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Busy Weekend for Deputies Leads to Multiple Arrests, Sex Offender Back Behind Bars

A busy weekend for the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) lands a sexual predator back behind bars, fugitives and poison off the streets. Deputies tended to 852 calls into the Sheriff's 9-1-1 Dispatch Center and made 198 traffic stops throughout the weekend.



Left to Right: Davonte Harris, Chase Quirona, Mark Francioni, Tiffani Steward

Friday kicked off with 20-year-old Davonte Harris being arrested at a "W" Section residence. He had an outstanding warrant in St. Johns County for Domestic Battery by Strangulation. Just in Flagler County, Harris has previously been charged with Driving While License Suspended – Failure to Pay Financial Obligation and Violation of Probation. He's also been charged out-of-county for Aggravated Battery.

Harris was arrested without incident and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility and is being held on a \$15,000 bond.

Later Friday evening, 31-year-old Chase Quirona was arrested for an outstanding warrant. Just this past May, Quirona was the passenger in a vehicle deputies pulled over for a traffic infraction and it was discovered he had an active warrant from Louisiana. He was wanted on three counts of Failure to Register and Notify as a Sex Offender or Child Predator. Louisiana did not extradite him following the May arrest. Quirona's criminal history dates back to 2012 where he's faced multiple charges for

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Indecent Behavior with Juveniles, Violation of Support Order for Non-Support and Contributing to the Delinquency of Juveniles.

Around 8 p.m. Friday, deputies responded to his address of 47 Burning Bush Drive to serve his arrest warrant where he was arrested without incident. He was arrested on warrants for two counts of Failing to Register as a Sex Offender and was released from the jail on an \$8,000 bond.

Later Friday evening, 51-year-old Mark Francioni, the subject in the “W” Section stand-off from the May 26 domestic incident, was arrested for False Imprisonment on a warrant filed by the State Attorney’s Office. He was arrested at the jail and is being held on no bond at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility while awaiting trial. He is now charged with Battery – Prior Conviction Battery, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Violation of Injunction, Violation of No Contact Order and False Imprisonment.

Saturday evening, deputies were patrolling near Wendy’s in Palm Coast and observed a suspicious person who was waiving her hands over her head and running towards a deputy’s patrol vehicle. Upon making contact with 36-year-old Tiffani Steward, she advised the deputy that she was “unsure if people were in her car” and that she’d just taken a narcotic believed to be “molly.” Steward told the deputy she wanted her vehicle checked and handed over her car keys because she didn’t know if “people were after her,” and she then advised that she had “metallic knuckles” in her purse. The deputy checked the vehicle and found no occupants; however, deputies found a clear plastic baggie hidden under a blanket containing a white powdery substance that tested positive for Cocaine along with a metal tin with a used needle.

Steward is no stranger to law enforcement. She’s previously been charged with Sell/Give/Service Liquor to Person Under 21, Deal in Stolen Property, Aggravated Battery, Possession of Harmful New Legend Drug without Prescription and Petit Theft.

Upon a search of Steward, deputies also found 6 white pills, identified as Buprenorphine Hydrochloride. Steward was placed under arrest and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. She was arrested for Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of a Legend Drug without Prescription and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She’s being held on a \$4,000 bond.

“A very busy weekend for our deputies,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “We had two guys who think they can hide, one of which has sexually abused children and failed to register as a sex offender as required by law. Saturday became ladies night at the Green Roof Inn as illegal drugs will make you do stupid things. This is a prime example of all the calls deputies handle in a weekend. Great work to all the law enforcement and detention deputies and our dispatchers who handled all these calls this weekend keeping our community safe!”

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