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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **FCSO Responds to 11 Domestic Violence Incidents in Five Days, Multiple Offenders Facing Felony Charges**

### **Sheriff Staly to hold Domestic Violence Community Update on June 9th**

Domestic violence crimes kicked off June for Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies. Since June 2, 2022, deputies have responded to 11 domestic violence-related incidents, leading to multiple arrests of domestic violence offenders behind bars at the Green Roof Inn.



*Left to Right: Jody Bray, Justin Burg, James Etienne and Charles Riggle.*

On June 4, deputies responded to Integra Woods Boulevard to find two males fighting over rent and the keys to a vehicle. Deputies made contact with several witnesses who all claimed that the victim was being chased by a man, "punches started being thrown" and the victim tried to get away from the other male. The aggressor, identified as 46-year-old Jody Bray, was arrested for Domestic Violence by Strangulation and Domestic Battery.

The following day, deputies responded to a Braddock Lane residence for a welfare check and made contact with 33-year-old Justin Burg, who appeared to be heavily intoxicated. Deputies attempted to talk to Burg and he refused, ignoring instructions, advising he "can't be detained" and continued to disobey commands. Upon speaking with others on scene, it was believed the incident was now a

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domestic disturbance and there were two victims.

Deputies spoke with both victims who stated Burg had been drinking all day, growing increasingly more aggressive, ultimately attacking a juvenile and the juvenile's mother after multiple verbal arguments took place throughout the day. The victims advised the arguments stemmed from household issues and at one point, when both victim's attempted to walk away from Burg, he physically went after them both.

With a criminal history dating back to 2005 in Illinois, Burg has previously been charged with Transporting Dangerous Materials, Trespassing, DUI – Alcohol and DUI – Drugs. Burg was arrested without incident and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. He is facing charges of Domestic Battery and Felony Child Abuse and is being held on a \$2,500 bond.

On Monday evening, deputies responded to a Biltvue Place residence after a victim called to report a domestic disturbance. The victim advised deputies that he and 31-year-old James Etienne were arguing over the location of his shoes when Etienne became aggressive by pushing the victim to the floor. A struggle began when Etienne put his hands around the victim's throat and the victim attempted to get away several times. Etienne grew more violent with the victim and went into the kitchen, grabbed a large butcher knife and threatened to cut the victim. Ultimately, the victim was able to get away from Etienne, ran into a bedroom and law enforcement was contacted.

After speaking with the victim and witness, Etienne was arrested. Once he was secured, he resisted deputies and became difficult, attempting to get deputies to lose their grip on him and stating "do not touch me." He continued to become more agitated and was ultimately carried to the patrol vehicle.

No stranger to local law enforcement and a Flagler County convicted felon, Etienne's criminal history dates back to 2007. He's previously been charged with Robbery with a Firearm, Willful Wanton Reckless Driving, Violation of Probation, Driving Under the Influence, Refuse to Sign Citation, DUI – Property Damage, Flee/Elude Law Enforcement, Resisting Officer without Violence and Battery – Domestic Violence with Bodily Harm.

Etienne is facing charges of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Domestic Battery and Resisting Officer without Violence. He's residing at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility and being held on no bond.

Last night around 9:30 p.m., deputies responded to Deer Run Drive in Bunnell for another domestic disturbance. The victim advised that 52-year-old Charles Riggle came home intoxicated and they got into an argument. Riggle followed the victim into the bedroom and became violent, pushing her and grabbing her by the throat. The victim defended herself and was able to push him off but another physical struggle began.

The victim went into the living room to grab a suitcase and found Riggle sitting at the table with a

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firearm pointed at her, stating he was going to “end all of this and kill her.” In fear for her life, the victim ran outside and waited for another family member to arrive.

Deputies questioned Riggle who appeared intoxicated, and he advised that while the victim was in the bedroom attempting to call law enforcement, he tried grabbing her phone from her. While unsuccessful, he got on top of her, and advised that he did “wave a firearm around” but doesn’t know if he pointed it at the victim.

According to the victim, she told deputies similar incidents with Riggle have occurred in Pennsylvania, but he was never arrested. He’s previously been charged in Pennsylvania with Receiving Stolen Property.

Riggle was arrested and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility without incident. He’s facing charges of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Domestic Battery and is being held on no bond.

“As these cases show you never really know what goes on behind closed doors. Domestic violence has been one of my focuses since becoming Sheriff,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “Since 2017, domestic violence has decreased 52%, but the recent spike in violent domestic incidents is alarming. Just since June 2, deputies have responded to 11 incidents, and we have multiple violent offenders, including a career felon, behind bars for harming their significant other. A reminder to Flagler residents that we take domestic violence very seriously, and every act will be investigated. And to victims of domestic violence, there is help and the FCSO is here for you!”

The FCSO has a team of Victim’s Advocates and community partners to aid those who are victims of trauma, crimes and domestic violence. Please join us Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 10 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn Town Center located at 55 Town Center Boulevard in Palm Coast for our Domestic Violence Summit that is open to the public. The Summit brings together community partners to discuss ideas and initiatives for aiding the fight against Domestic Violence in Flagler County.

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