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FCSO Responds to 802 Calls in Busy Weekend –

Juveniles Joyriding Recklessly in Stolen Vehicle, Domestic Disturbances, and Felons Back Behind Bars

Another busy weekend for the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) results in deputies responding to 802 calls, including stolen vehicles, multiple domestic disturbances and several arrests of felons violating probation.



Kicking off Friday evening, deputies were proactively patrolling in the area Palm Coast's "W" Section and conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding and failing to stop at a stop sign. When deputies made contact with the driver, she advised she did not have a driver's license and provided a social security card. While verifying the driver's identity, it was discovered she provided a false name and eventually advised deputies that her driver's license was suspended. Identified as 31-year-old Ariel Mocerri, deputies conducted a probable cause search on the vehicle and recovered a pipe with residue that tested positive for cocaine and she was also found to be on Felony Probation for Fraud.

No stranger to law enforcement, Mocerri has been convicted for Dealing in Stolen Property and Grand Theft, while being on probation for Fraud from a Bunnell arrest.

Mocerri was arrested without incident and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving While License Suspended with Knowledge, Providing False Name/ID to Law Enforcement and Violation of Probation. She's being held on no bond.

Saturday morning began when Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) requested FCSO assistance with a "Be-On-The-Lookout" (BOLO) for a vehicle that fled from them near mile marker 296 on I-95. Utilizing the FCSO's Real Time Crime Center's (RTCC) technology, the vehicle was located in the RaceTrac parking lot on State Road 100 and Seminole Woods Boulevard. The driver,



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identified as 22-year-old Teodoro Diaz, provided a false name to law enforcement while detained and was found to be in possession of 33.7g of marijuana that deputies located in his front pocket, along with \$1,225 in cash. While detained, Diaz advised deputies that his “mom just gives him money from time to time since he’s unemployed” but he could not provide an answer to the amount of marijuana found with the cash.

Diaz was found to be on Felony Probation from Bradenton, FL for Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell. He was arrested for Possession of Marijuana Over 20g, Providing a False Name/ID to Law Enforcement and Violation of Probation. He’s being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility on no bond.



Kicking off Saturday evening, deputies responded to a residence about a domestic disturbance. The victim reported that he was attacked by 61-year-old Elizabeth Lugger, advising she struck him several times, choked him and pointed a firearm at him. During questioning, the victim told deputies that Lugger was intoxicated, began to argue with him, made statements about wanting him dead and to leave, then became violent. During the altercation, the victim was eventually able to get away when Lugger went into her bedroom, grabbed a firearm and aimed it at the victim as he began to exit the residence.

While speaking with deputies, Lugger made several statements about her being the only one with access to the gun safe, that she “shouldn’t have a gun” and the gun safe was open because she “threatened him,” advising “I’d kill him.” Deputies arrested Lugger and took her to Advent Health – Palm Coast for medical clearance as she appeared to be heavily intoxicated with some blood on her hand and foot. While awaiting medical evaluations, Lugger grew impatient and tried to pull away from deputies, ultimately kicking the deputy in an attempt to get away. The deputy did not sustain any injuries.

Lugger was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility where she’s being held on no bond. She’s facing charges of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Domestic Battery by Strangulation, Aggravated Battery on a Person 65 Years of Age or Older, Use of a Firearm While Under the Influence of Alcohol and Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer.

Early Sunday morning around 4 a.m., deputies responded to a “P” Section residence about a reckless driver. The reporting party advised there was a male in a grey SUV traveling at a high rates of speed. A BOLO was issued and an SUV matching the description was observed turning onto Perkins Lane. The vehicle was then observed by deputies multiple times driving recklessly through the streets. Due to the vehicle’s driving pattern including without headlights on, deputies did not actively pursue the vehicle.

The vehicle was then observed making an erratic turn onto Belle Terre Parkway, causing the driver to lose control and strike a telephone pole. Deputies attempted a traffic stop near Pacific Drive before it

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fled again, turning onto Whippoorwill Drive and then onto White Star Drive, where it crashed into a swale, hit multiple mailboxes and a parked vehicle. The vehicle came to a complete stop in a tree line where the three suspects fled on foot. FCSO's K-9 and Volusia County Sheriff's Office Air One helicopter responded to assist.

Two of the 15-year-old subjects were apprehended immediately while a search for the third continued. The third suspect was ultimately apprehended while attempting to sneak back into his residence after hiding in the woods and being observed by deputies covered in mud. It was later discovered the three occupants were all juveniles who stole one of their parent's vehicles and went for a joyride.

All three suspects were arrested for Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle. Additionally, the 16-year-old driver was arrested for Fleeing and Eluding, Resist Officer without Violence, Criminal Mischief, No Valid Driver's License and Leaving the Scene of a Crash with Property Damage. The juveniles were transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility where they were released to the custody of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

"Here we have another ladies' night and men's night at the Green Roof Inn," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Out of the 802 calls this weekend, we had two people providing false identities to us, one lady who threatens to kill someone because she drank too much and three kids who think they're entitled to illegally drive on our roads after stealing a parent's car and driving recklessly. This is just another prime example of all the things deputies face on a daily basis and how they never know what a call may turn into. I'm proud of all the deputies who worked this weekend and the assistance Volusia Sheriff provided to us with their helicopter. I'm also glad no one was hurt with the stupid decisions that were made by offenders!"

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