



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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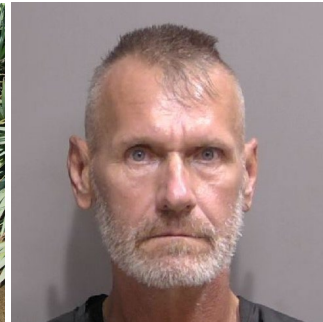
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## **Career Criminal Steals Construction Equipment and Causes Thousands of Dollars in Damage.**

At approximately 8am in the morning on August 6, 2022 at 3771 N. Ocean Shore BLVD in Beverly Beach, deputies responded to the report of a subject operating a large piece of construction equipment and driving it on the sidewalk in Beverly Beach.

When deputies arrived they stopped a transient male, Randy Lee Wealand, (Date of Birth-01/13/66), operating a JLG Lull alongside A1A. The investigation found, that Wealand entered a construction site and stole the \$60,000 Lull and took it on a 2.5-mile trip south along A1A to Beverly Beach.

Wealand drove the Lull over two fire hydrants, over a Charter Communications fiber node, resident mailboxes and broke several sections of public sidewalk. The damage Wealand caused is estimated at more than \$10,000.



*Recovered JLD Lull construction Equipment    Damage to a Fire Hydrant, Beverly Beach*

*Wealand's Booking Photo*

"This career criminal decided to go on a joy ride with a large piece of construction equipment", Sheriff Rick Staly said, "Wealand would have caused more damage if he was not stopped and apprehended by deputies. Another win for 'see something, say something, so a special thank you to the citizens who called us and helped prevent this dirtbag from continuing his dangerous path of destruction."

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Wealand has an extensive criminal history in Pennsylvania (3 felony convictions): criminal mischief, trespassing, DUI, theft, burglary, receiving stolen property, DWLS, unsworn falsification to authority, harassment, public drunkenness, loitering and prowling and here in Florida (8 felony convictions): grand theft auto, burglary, petit theft, DUI, boating under the influence, trespassing, battery on LEO, criminal mischief, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, battery on person over 65, exploitation of elderly less than 20k dollars, aggressive solicitation, disorderly intoxication, impersonate LEO, resist officer without violence, breach of peace disorderly conduct, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, grand theft, improper exhibition of dangerous weapon, simple assault, fraud, possession of controlled substance without prescription. This arrest is his only arrest here in Flagler County.

Wealand was arrested for grand theft, theft from a construction site, felony criminal mischief, and trespass on a construction site. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Detention Facility where he is being held on a \$12,500 Bond.

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