

Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Drug Dealer Arrested With Commissioner's Help

Suspect Had Enough Fentanyl To Potentially Kill 1,500+ People

PALM COAST, FL – A random text message sent to Flagler County Commissioner Joe Mullins ends with a drug dealer in handcuffs.

18-year-old Jack Edward Fisher – a resident of Leidel Drive in Palm Coast – was arrested around 12:40 this morning (August 15, 2022) in the B-section of Palm Coast during an undercover buy-bust operation set up by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO).

Commissioner Mullins reached out to FCSO Chief Of Staff Mark Strobridge after receiving a text offering to sell him an "eight-ball" of cocaine, according to Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly.

"I thank Commissioner Mullins for immediately reporting this poison peddler," Sheriff Staly added. "His cooperation allowed our SIU detectives to arrange the buy-bust and get this dangerous drug off the streets. This poison peddler is now staying at the Green Roof Inn. It's another example of how 'See Something, Say Something' works."

"The safety of our community is my priority and the men and women of the sheriff's office risk their lives everyday. I felt it was my duty to get involved knowing that drug dealers are dangerous people and carry guns many times," stated Commissioner Mullins. "On Tuesday the 16th, I celebrate 11 years of sobriety. I hope this arrest brings this person to the realization that there is a problem in their life. It is my prayer that is a wakeup call and that he will seek help. The quick action further proves we have the finest sheriff's office and they deserve our full support."

After Commissioner Mullins contacted FCSO, SIU detectives gathered screen shots of the text conversation between Mullins and the suspect, whose phone number was later traced to Fisher thanks to FCSO's Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC).

With SIU's guidance, Commissioner Mullins kept in touch with Fisher and eventually arranged an in-person meeting at the shore of a pond near Bird Of Paradise Drive in Palm Coast. Fisher was taken into custody without



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incident after walking up to the undercover vehicle to make the sale.

A search of Fisher turned up a bag filled with 3.17 grams of fentanyl, enough to potentially kill 1,585 people.



Fentanyl found on Fisher during his arrest

Fisher was arrested on two charges, including felony possession of fentanyl with intent to distribute and unlawful use of a two-way communications device. He is held on \$3,000 bond at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Center.

Prior to this incident, Fisher was booked at the Green Roof Inn last April on misdemeanor charges of alcohol possession by a person under 21 years of age and marijuana possession of 20 grams or less.



Jack Edward Fisher (Flagler County Jail mugshot)

Fisher's Date Of Birth: 03/25/2004

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