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Fugitive Found With Over 200 Grams Of Fentanyl

Enough To Kill Over 100,000 People; Adrian Rivers Also Wanted In Volusia & Orange

PALM COAST, FL – A 52-year-old fugitive with a long criminal history now faces more drug charges after the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) finds him with enough fentanyl to potentially kill over 100,000 people.

Adrian Kamai Rivers is held on no bond at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility following his arrest around 12:30 Wednesday morning (September 14, 2022) at the intersection of Belle Terre Parkway and State Road 100 in Palm Coast.



Adrian Kamai Rivers (Flagler County Jail mugshot)



Fentanyl seized during traffic stop (FCSO)

During a traffic stop for a headlight violation, FCSO deputies seized 219 grams of fentanyl and 533 grams of marijuana that were found inside a white Dodge Charger. Rivers was a passenger in that vehicle and the drugs were found in his backpack.

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The deputy smelled marijuana in the vehicle while speaking to the driver during the traffic stop. Rivers told the deputy he smoked marijuana about an hour before the stop but had a medical marijuana card allowing him to do so. A check of his card showed that it was no longer active.

During the search, the deputy found the drugs inside a gray backpack lying in the back seat area which also contained business cards with Rivers' name on them. During the investigation, deputies determined Rivers was a fugitive with two active warrants for violation of probation for cocaine possession out of Volusia County and a writ of bodily attachment in Orange County.

"Sometimes, the small things lead to big things," said Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly. "In this case, we seized enough fentanyl to kill over 100,000 people or the entire cities of Palm Coast, Flagler Beach and Bunnell combined. On top of that, this poison peddler had active arrest warrants in two other counties and was on probation for cocaine possession. This career criminal picked the wrong place to be riding around and now he's at the Green Roof Inn before he can sell his poison. It's another great example of proactive policing."

FCSO arrested Rivers for felony trafficking in fentanyl and felony possession of marijuana with intent to sell along with violating his probation.

This is Rivers' first arrest in Flagler County, but his criminal history in Florida dates back to 1988. He's been sentenced to prison seven different times between then and 2016, mainly for crimes committed in Orange County, but he's also served time for crimes committed in Duval and Volusia counties. Among the crimes he's been sentenced for includes grand theft auto, forgery, selling cocaine, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, burglary and fleeing and eluding law enforcement.

"This career criminal has had enough chances and is not going to turn his life around," Sheriff Staly added. "It's time to lock him up and throw the keys away."

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