

### Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## 27 Arrests, 123 Traffic Stops, Stolen Vehicle, Fugitives & Motorcycle Fight Highlight Busy Weekend For FCSO

FCSO Deputies Handle 888 Calls For Service Countywide On Friday, Saturday & Sunday

**BUNNELL, FL** – Three people arrested after trying to escape from deputies in a stolen vehicle and another person Baker Acted after getting into a physical fight in the middle of a road are just some of the more notable events from a busy weekend for the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO).

FCSO responded to 888 service calls countywide, making 27 arrests and 123 traffic stops. The FCSO Communications 9-1-1 Center answered 367 calls from the public.

"Our deputies and dispatchers were kept on busy all weekend long," said Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly. "This weekend's calls are an example of why I fought so hard for our employees to receive the pay increase they deserve. Keeping Flagler County safe is well worth the cost. I also thank the County Commissioners for supporting my request and the community for backing the pay increases."

Below are some of the more interesting highlights from those calls and other events between September 16th and 18th, 2022.

#### Three Teenagers Caught After Fleeing In Stolen Vehicle (Case 22-83943)

Around 2:20 p.m. on Friday (September 16, 2022), deputies responded to the McDonald's at 4851 Belle Terre Parkway after receiving confirmation that a stolen vehicle had been located in the drive-thru line of the restaurant.

The driver of that vehicle and two other people inside the stolen car spotted deputies as they were setting-up a perimeter and deploying stopsticks around the restaurant. They drove out of the line and over a curb to flee south on Belle Terre, ignoring commands to stop.

The vehicle went north on Pine Lakes Parkway and then onto Wellwood Drive, where it was abandoned in a driveway. FCSO issued a Community Alert shortly afterward and a deputy soon located three people – including two juveniles –



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matching the descriptions of the suspects that had been inside the stolen vehicle walking near the intersection of Pine Lakes Parkway and Wellwood Drive. They were immediately detained and arrested on the following charges:

- -Gary Robinson Jr.: Fleeing and eluding, grand theft auto, resisting without violence, providing false name to law enforcement and multiple active out of county fugitive warrants
- Xavier Simon (photo above): Felony violation of probation, grand theft auto, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by convicted felon, resisting without, providing false name to law enforcement
- Franquez Bellamy: Grand theft auto and resisting without violence

#### Man Baker Acted Following Roadway Fight (Case 22-83956)

FCSO responded to 156 Florida Park Drive around 3:15 p.m. Friday (September 16, 2022) after receiving multiple calls about a man standing in the middle of the road punching vehicles and trying to fight another man on a motorcycle.

Deputies were forced to deploy their Tasers to control the man – since identified as Maurice Charles Benson **Henry** – after he refused to comply with deputies and ignored their attempts to de-escalate the situation.

Henry also refused to identify himself and was eventually charged with battery on a law enforcement officer after he spit in a deputy's face while being processed at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility.

#### Missing Teenager Located (Case 22-83994)

FCSO took to social media on Saturday (September 17, 2022) after a 15-year-old Palm Coast male didn't return home from school the day prior. Michael A. Perry was located the following day and returned home safely.

#### Man Arrested For Threatening Family Members with Tree Saw (Case 22-84232)

Deputies arrested a 45-year-old man after family members say he threatened two people with a tree pruning saw during a dispute.

Jason Ray Moreland (photo to right) was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon following that incident around 9:00 p.m. Saturday night (September 17, 2022) in the U section of Palm Coast.

The victims told FCSO the argument started over parking in the driveway they both share.

#### Fugitive Found Asleep in Truck with Fentanyl (Case 22-84269)

FCSO arrested a 33-year-old Georgia after he was found asleep in a truck with enough fentanyl to potentially kill the entire populations of Flagler and Putnam counties. <u>Click here for more details.</u>

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