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Busy Thanksgiving Weekend for Flagler County Sheriff's Office

BUNNELL, FL – A convicted felon driving under the influence with a gun and drugs is among 14 people taken to the Green Roof Inn during a busy Thanksgiving weekend for the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO).

838 calls for service were handled between 6:00 a.m. Friday (November 25, 2022) and 6:00 a.m. Monday (November 28, 2022) along with 200 traffic stops according to Sheriff Staly.

"This was a busy holiday weekend for our Deputies," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "A few young men decided to make bad decisions and ended up spending their weekend in the Green Roof Inn instead of with their family and friends."

Below is a summary of the more notable incidents from the weekend.

Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest of Convicted Felon on Multiple Charges

FCSO Deputies initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle after witnessing the vehicle being driven erratically near US1 and Belle Terre Parkway on Sunday. The driver of the vehicle was identified as 28-year-old Zacchaeus Nelson of Gainesville, Florida.

A search of Nelson's person revealed 5 grams of marijuana and 1.5 grams of MDPV commonly known as "molly." During a search of the vehicle, Deputies located a loaded Taurus 9mm semi-automatic pistol with 15 rounds of ammunition and a round in the chamber beneath the driver's seat.

Nelson has a previous criminal history including grand theft of a motor vehicle, resisting an officer without violence, and violation of pretrial release dating back to 2016.

Nelson was placed under arrest and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. Nelson was charged with driving under the influence (DUI), possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, tampering with evidence, possession of marijuana, possession of cathinones and carrying a concealed firearm. He is currently being held on \$39,500 bond.

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Zacchaeus Nelson (Flagler County Jail Mugshot)

22-Year-Old Felon Re-Arrested After Rampage Within Residence

22-year-old Matthew Macchi, who was on felony probation for written threats to kill or injure, was arrested again on several charges after battering a family member and destroying several items within the family member's residence on Saturday.

The family member advised that they had attempted to stop Macchi from destroying the home when Macchi battered them and continued to break things. The damage caused by Macchi within the residence is valued at approximately \$675.

Macchi has two previous battery charges from 2019 and 2020, respectively. He was transported to the FCIF and charged with battery – domestic violence, and criminal mischief, and violation of probation. He is being held on \$6,000 bond.

“This guy needs to learn to control and contain his anger,” added Sheriff Staly.



Matthew Macchi (Flagler County Jail Mugshot)

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22-Year-Old Violates Injunction During Altercation in Bunnell, Then Attempted to Bribe Deputy Sheriff While Being Transported to Jail

22-year-old Clayton White, of Bunnell, engaged in a physical altercation with another resident of the home. A neighbor called 911 after hearing the dispute.

Once Deputies arrived, they made contact with both parties. Upon further investigation, it was determined that White was the subject of a no contact order on behalf of the other party from another county.

White was placed under arrest for domestic battery and violation of a no contact order. While being transported to the Flagler County Inmate Facility, White attempted to bribe the transporting Deputy with an \$800 payment from his debit card if he was released. White was additionally charged with bribery of by a public servant. He is being held with no bond.



Clayton White (Flagler County Jail Mugshot)

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