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Weekend Roundup January 20-23

Man Arrested Following Road Rage Incident, Vehicle Burglars Identified

BUNNELL, FL – A Jacksonville man who battered an elderly man after a road rage incident was one of 15 arrests made last weekend by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) between 6am on January 20, 2023, and 6am on January 23, 2023. Over the weekend, deputies handled 868 calls for service along with 114 traffic stops.

"FCSO deputies and the FCSO Real Time Crime Center did a great job using our technological resources to quickly locate a man who intentionally shoved an elderly man and then fled - leaving the man on the ground bleeding," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "This incident could have been much more serious. You should always control your anger. Detectives are continuing to investigate the auto burglaries and were able to quickly obtain suspect information after one of the victim's credit cards was used at a local gas station."

Below is a summary of the more notable calls from over the weekend.

Jacksonville Man Under Arrest for Battering Elderly Man After Road Rage Incident

On Saturday, FCSO deputies made contact with an elderly man who reported that he had just been battered by another man following a road rage incident. The elderly man reported that a dark-colored truck with large tires pulled up next to him at a traffic light and demanded that he pull over. When both vehicles pulled over, the man in the truck, later identified as Keith Pilotti, aggressively approached the elderly man and began to argue.

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Pilotti alleged that the elderly male had hit his truck and then he shoved the elderly man, causing him to fall backward and hit his head on the pavement. Pilotti then got back in his truck and left the parking lot, leaving the elderly man laying on the ground injured. A person leaving a nearby store noticed the elderly male laying on the ground and came to his aid. The man was transported to a local hospital for the head injury that he received.

With assistance from the FCSO Real Time Crime Center, deputies were able to identify and locate Pilotti's truck and made contact with him shortly after the incident. Deputies did not locate any damage to the truck that would suggest a collision had occurred. Pilotti was placed under arrest for Battery on a Person Over 65 and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. He was later released after posting \$4,000 bond.



Keith Pilotti (Flagler County Jail Mugshot)

Driver Arrested on Several Charges Following Traffic Stop

On Sunday, deputies initiated a traffic stop on I-95 after witnessing a vehicle failing to maintain its lane of travel. The driver, later identified as Oziel De Araujo Braga, produced an out-of-state driver's license while also having a suspended Florida driver's license. During the traffic stop, deputies also located a prescription drug in his possession that was not prescribed to him.

Braga was placed under arrest on charges of Driving with License Suspended With Knowledge, Driving with a License from Another State While Florida DL Suspended, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Refusal to Accept/Sign Citation. He was taken to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility and later released after posting \$4,000 bond.

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Oziel De Araujo Braga (Flagler County Jail Mugshot)

FCSO Identifies Suspects Who Burglarized Several Vehicles at a Palm Coast Apartment Complex

Early Monday morning, FCSO deputies were dispatched to the area of Madison Green Circle and Tuscan Reserve Drive in Palm Coast in reference to a vehicle's alarm sounding. Upon arrival, deputies located several vehicles with smashed windows that had been broken into.

One of the victims reported a credit card stolen from their vehicle, which was later used at a gas station in Ormond Beach. Through surveillance footage and other investigative techniques, FCSO detectives, along with several other agencies, were able to identify the two suspects involved in the multiple vehicle burglaries.

The investigation into this case is ongoing at this time and charges will be forthcoming.

To view a video version of the Weekend Roundup: <https://youtu.be/1Xya1UwqXYU>

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