

## **Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Gun Used in Shots Fired at Town Center Recovered by FCSO Dive Team

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office Dive Team recovered a gun used in an aggravated assault and aggravated battery case from earlier this summer in the Intracoastal Waterway.

On June 30, 2018 Sheriff's Deputies were called to Town Center near the Target parking lot on State Route 100 for a shots fired call. Deputies found a male bleeding from lacerations on his face and ear consistent with a pistol whipping. The suspect, Christopher Quijano, fled the scene and was later located and arrested for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon and Discharge of a Firearm in Public. Quijano is currently being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility for these crimes.

On Wednesday an anonymous source took FCSO detectives along with FCSO's Dive Team to a location on the Intracoastal Waterway where he believed the firearm had been discarded. The team, using recently purchased equipment, located the firearm within an hour. The firearm was a Ruger LC9, 9 millimeter semi-automatic handgun and is currently being analyzed and compared with evidence from the initial crime scene.

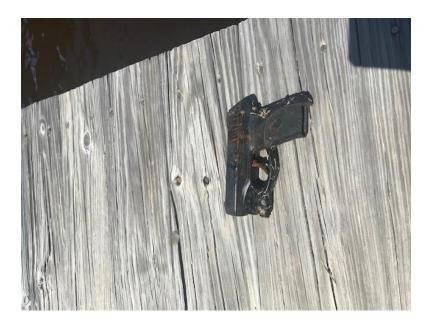
"This dirtbag is still at the Green Roof Inn and our deputies worked hard to find additional evidence to keep him there and convict him of the charges," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "I'm very proud of our Dive Team to be able to find evidence in the Intracoastal Waterway to make this an even better case."

Sheriff's Office Dive Team members perform these duties in addition to their regular assignments and volunteer for this extra duty.

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Firearm recovered from the Intracoastal Waterway by FCSO Dive Team



Deputy Kevin Gomez of the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Dive Team holds the recovered firearm.

Link to the original release here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/notes/flagler-county-sheriffs-office/man-pistol-whips-friend-fires-round-in-town-center/1024324894409042/">https://www.facebook.com/notes/flagler-county-sheriffs-office/man-pistol-whips-friend-fires-round-in-town-center/1024324894409042/</a>

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