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NEWS RELEASE

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Felon Arrested After Fleeing from Deputies

On Friday September 21, 2018, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle for failing to come to a complete stop at a stop sign, when the driver, Dennis W. Watts, fled from FCSO and ran two more stop signs. Watts fled to 2756 Lancewood, Palm Coast and parked in the driveway then exiting his vehicle through the passenger door and fled.

Deputies immediately created a perimeter around the home at 2756 Lancewood and began attempts to locate the suspect. Watts did not respond to numerous loudspeaker announcements from Sheriff's Deputies resulting in the FCSO K9 Unit and Fireflight being deployed to assist in the search.



Watts photo from 2010

Deputies were able to successfully apprehend Watts in the residence at 2756 Lancewood and took him into custody. Watts was arrested and booked into the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility for driving while license revoked, aggravated fleeing and eluding and resisting arrest without violence.

"If you are going to break the law and drive without a license you are going to the Green Roof Inn," said Sheriff Rick Staly.

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Watts has a criminal history with Flagler County Sheriff's Office dating back to 2008 that includes five felonies. In 1998 Watts had been sentenced to prison for a 1996 DUI manslaughter conviction in Volusia County. Watts was last released from prison in April 2014.

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