



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

**FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Obtravies Watkins Found Guilty, Sentenced to Two Life Terms for Kidnapping, Raping Woman**

Earlier this evening, after three hours of deliberations by a Flagler County jury, Obtravies Watkins was found guilty of rape, attempted murder, and kidnapping. As a result, Watkins has been sentenced to two consecutive life terms and a 15-year term.



The charges stem from the incident that occurred on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, when the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) and the Volusia County Sheriff's Office responded to a sexual battery call. The victim told law enforcement that she met Watkins in Daytona, entered his vehicle, and then was raped several times throughout the evening in Volusia and Flagler County and then left for dead in a wooded area near the intersection of Pecos Drive and Old Kings Road.

Drivers on Old Kings Road saw the victim along the road, naked and injured and stopped to help her, gave her a hoodie and a towel to cover up, and then called law enforcement.

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“I am so proud of the work our detectives did and the collaborative efforts made with the Volusia County Sheriff’s Office to build this case,” Sheriff Staly said. “This guy is repeat offender who does not value human life. Taking him off the streets, permanently, was the only way justice could be served.”

Watkins had two prior convictions for sex offenses involving children and had a total of six prior felony convictions. Obtravies Watkins is currently being housed at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility.

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