

#### Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

"An honor to serve, a duty to protect."

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Date: Sunday, September 23, 2018 Contact: Anna Hackett (386) 281-9981; <u>ahackett@flaglersheriff.com</u>

### FCSO Searching for Missing Endangered Juvenile in Need of Medication

The FCSO is searching for Rickey Wheeler, a 17 year old male, who was reported missing by his mother on Friday, September 21. Wheeler is diagnosed with muscular dystrophy and may not be taking his medication. He left his home without a cell phone, medication, or bankcard. He has limited verbal skills. He was last seen at Madison Green Apartments in Palm Coast, FL.

Deputies have been working throughout the weekend searching and passing out flyers to businesses along the SR100 corridor. FCSO is asking all business and property owners in that area to check their property. Check all buildings locked and unlocked, and back yards or wooded areas that you may not frequent. The juvenile could be located in one of these areas.

Fireflight and a blood hound from the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office are also assisting in the search. Deputies are currently focusing the search around the Town Center area and have deputies on bike patrol and members of the Emergency Response Team in the search area.

Wheeler is a black juvenile age, 5'9, 105 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing camo army shorts, green Nike sneakers and a gray shirt with blue stripes.

"With the public's assistance getting the word out and being aware you are hopeful you can help us locate him and bring him home so that he can get the needed medication and be safe," Sheriff Rick Staly said.

Wheeler was last seen by his mother on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> and reported him missing just after 5pm because he had never been gone this long before and she was concerned for his safety. The last time he disappeared deputies located him within two hours on Belle Terre.

If seen, please contact the Flagler County Sheriff's Office immediately at 386-313-4911.

Proudly Serving the Community for 100 Years – Centennial Anniversary 1917 - 2017 An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



901 East Moody Blvd, Bunnell, FL 32110 - 386-437-4116 - Fax 386-586-4820 - www.flaglersheriff.com

# MISSING AND ENDANGERED HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PERSON?



#### **RICKEY WHEELER**

Considered Missing and Endangered. Black male, 17 years old, 5'9, 105 lbs. Last seen on September 21, 2018 last seen wearing camo army shorts, green Nike sneakers and a grey shirt with blue stripes. He was carrying a red and white water bottle.

If you have any information please call FCSO at 386-313-4911