



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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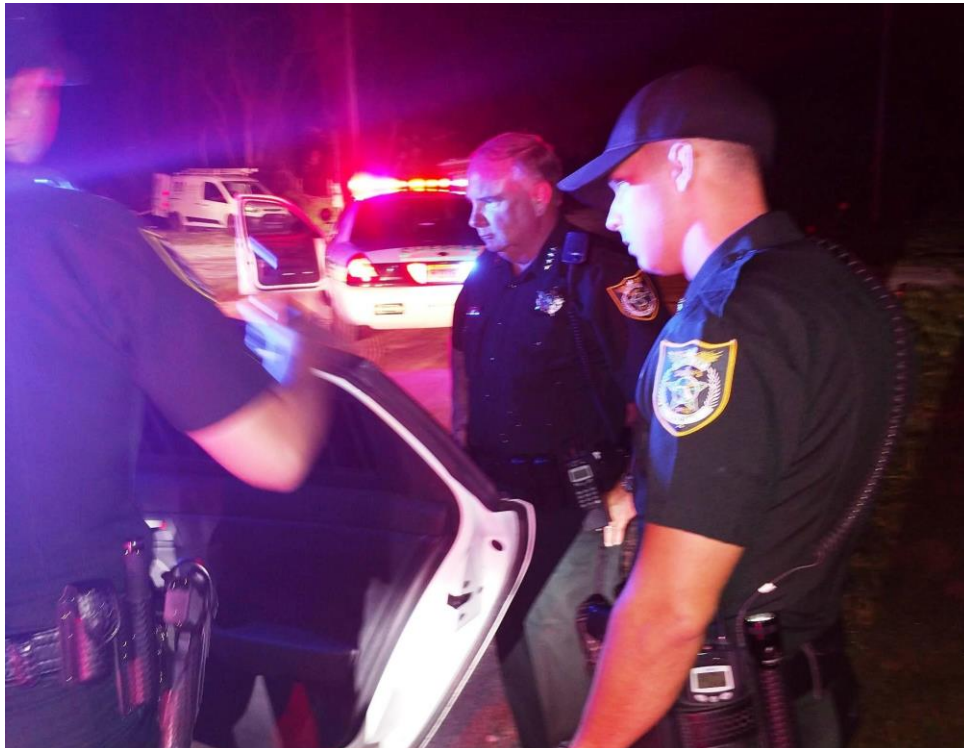
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Sheriff Staly Locates Stolen Vehicle Resulting in Arrest of South Florida Burglary Suspect

At about 10:00pm on August 10, 2018 Sheriff Staly was on one of his usual Friday night patrols with his deputies when St. Johns County Sheriff's Office advised they were following a stolen white panel van south on A1A approaching Flagler County and requested assistance. Flagler deputies set up numerous locations for Stop Stick deployment in an attempt to flatten the vehicle's tires and avoid a vehicle pursuit. Deputy Gaddie attempted to deploy Stop Sticks on the vehicle near Washington Oaks State Park but was unsuccessful. St. Johns County deputies lost site of the vehicle in the area of Sea Colony as other Flagler deputies and Sheriff Staly converged on the area.



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Flagler Deputies along with Sheriff Staly began a search of the area to locate the stolen vehicle. Sheriff Staly located the vehicle at 7 Surf Drive, Palm Coast. The van, with markings from a South Florida painting company, had been backed in to a home construction site in an apparent attempt to blend in as a construction vehicle left overnight at the home. Sheriff Staly notified communications that he had located the occupied vehicle and requested back-up.

Deputies Gaddie, Barkoskie, Capela, K-9 Duenas with his K-9 Valor along with Sergeants Weaver, Goncalves and Watch Commander Neat arrived and all conducted a felony traffic stop. The suspect was commanded, at gunpoint, to exit the vehicle and a tactical apprehension was made without incident. This is the second time in 6-days that Sheriff Staly has had to draw his firearm while assisting in an arrest on a felony suspect. Jamaine Butts, was arrested for Grand Theft - Auto and Driving on an Expired Driver's License.

"The suspect thought he was being clever by trying to blend his stolen vehicle into a construction site," said Sheriff Staly. "While participating in the felony stop I was able to witness our deputies perform a textbook tactical apprehension of a felon. This was also great teamwork between Flagler and St. Johns County Sheriff's Office and I couldn't be more proud of the team I am honored to lead."

During the investigation it was determined the vehicle had been stolen from West Palm Beach, Florida and had been used in a residential burglary in Palm Beach where electronics had been stolen. Located in plain view in the stolen van during the arrest where two large flat screen TV's and other electronics. Palm Beach detectives responded to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility to interview Butts and towed the recovered stolen vehicle back to Palm Beach County for further investigation.

Butts had been released from prison on 10/13/2013 after being sentenced to five years for burglary in 2010 and has an extensive criminal history in Broward County. Butts was booked in to the "Green Roof Inn" and is being held under \$3000.00 bond.

Body camera footage of the arrest is available at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/xz72nq7lhr6o0x/7%20SURF%20DRIVE.mp4?dl=0>

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