

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

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

**Date:** Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 **Contact:** Shannon Martin | (386) 586-4802 | <u>martin@flaglersheriff.com</u>

## FCSO Charges Suspect With Five Counts of Unlawful Sexual Activity With a Minor

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) has charged Brian Scott O'Dell with five counts of unlawful sexual activity with a minor. These charges come after FCSO received reports of suspicious activity occurring at the O'Dell residence between Mr. O'Dell and a sixteen-year-old juvenile.



On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 FCSO was conducting a follow up at the juvenile's residence on reported suspicious activity. Upon arrival, FCSO made contact with the juvenile and her Grandmother and consent was given for deputies to review the juvenile's cell phone. Upon looking at the cell phone, FCSO Detectives found several text messages between O'Dell and the juvenile that were sexual in nature.

Throught FCSO investigative techniques it was further confirmed that sexual activity between O'Dell and the juvenile had occured. It was at this time that FCSO Detectives went to O'Dells residence and took him into custody.

"This is a great example of if you 'see something, say something'," Sheriff Staly said. "If something seems suspicious or just doesn't look right to you it probably isn't and you should say something. This

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offender is in the Green Roof Inn where he belongs thanks to the concern of people who knew something was odd and our deputies who followed up."

After an interview with FCSO detectives O'Dell was charged with five counts of unlawful sexual activity with a minor. He is currently at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. He is being held on no bond.

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