



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**  
**FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Weekend Roundup January 13-16**

*Fuel Thieves, Food Thief, and Stolen Cars From Daytona Highlight the Weekend's 920 Calls*

BUNNELL, FL – A transient causing a disturbance in a local restaurant who refused to leave the premises was one of 7 arrests made last weekend by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) between 6am on January 13, 2023, and 6am on January 16, 2023. Over the weekend, deputies handled 920 calls for service along with 243 traffic stops.

"Deputies did a great job locating several stolen vehicles this weekend and removing an unruly patron of a local restaurant," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Those deputies also paid for the unruly patron's bill after he ordered and ate a meal with no intention of paying for it. Finally, an observant deputy seized a truck that had illegal fuel tanks and was casing a local gas station to steal fuel."

Below is a summary of the more notable calls from over the weekend.

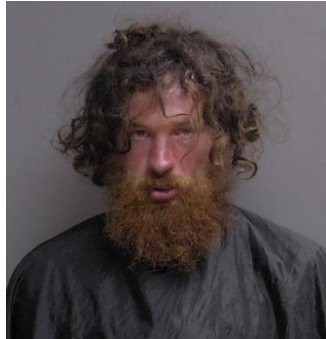
#### **Transient Arrested After Refusing to Leave Local Business**

FCSO deputies responded to a local restaurant after the manager called FCSO Communications and requested to have the individual removed from within. When deputies made contact with the male, later identified as Tyler Bentle, he made several aggressive motions toward deputies and refused to exit the restaurant. Deputies physically escorted Bentle out of the restaurant and placed him under arrest for Trespassing – Structure or Conveyance, Resisting an Officer Without Violence, and Defrauding a Food Operator.

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Bentle also had an unsettled tab for food he had ordered and eaten with the intent to not pay for. Deputies on scene paid Bentle's unsettled tab so the restaurant and server would not go uncompensated before taking him to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. Bentle remains in the Green Roof Inn on \$1,500 bond.



*Tyler Bentle (Flagler County Jail Mugshot)*

### **Two Vehicles Stolen from Volusia County Located Within Hours in P-Section**

FCSO deputies located two vehicles that had been reported stolen from Volusia County within hours of each other in the P-section of Palm Coast. Both vehicles had been reported stolen from Daytona Beach.

On Saturday morning around 2am, deputies responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle reportedly speeding through the neighborhood and stopping in front of various houses on Prospect Lane. Deputies located a silver Hyundai that matched the description in the area and attempted to stop it. The vehicle fled and turned off all lights. A perimeter was established, and the vehicle was later located unoccupied nearby. After a 2-hour search, the suspect could not be located.

On Saturday morning around 9am, deputies responded to Profile Place after a report of a suspicious vehicle parked in the resident's driveway. The vehicle was located unoccupied with the ignition tampered with and was later determined to be stolen.

Both vehicles were towed to FCSO's impound lot as the investigation continues. There were no reported vehicle burglaries or any other suspicious activity reported in the area that may have been related to these cases.

"These dirtbags were likely looking to burglarize unlocked cars," added Sheriff Staly. "Fortunately, an alert resident who 'say something, said something' and called our 9-1-1 center resulting in them being scared away before they could victimize our residents."

### **Deputies Locate Suspicious Vehicle Reported from Another County**

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On Saturday night, FCSO received a report of a suspicious vehicle traveling within Flagler County that may be tied to gasoline thefts in a nearby county. Deputies made contact with the two occupants after they committed a traffic violation off Palm Harbor Parkway.

Inside the box truck, deputies located several large illegal containers of gasoline hidden behind a large pile of tires. Deputies also located several hoses, PVC pipes, wires, and an electronic fuel meter believed to be used to steal gasoline from gas stations. The vehicle had several aftermarket alterations that could potentially allow gas to be drawn from a gas station's underground storage tanks into the hidden illegal storage containers inside the vehicle.

FCSO detectives are currently investigating this case and working with other detectives to determine if this is the vehicle and suspect from the gasoline thefts.

This case and the auto thefts are still being investigated. If you have any information, please call CrimeStoppers of Northeast Florida at 1-888-277-TIPS.



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