



Rick Staly, Sheriff

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Help Your Neighbor – Not Steal From Them!** **Man Arrested for Burglarizing Evacuated Neighbor's House**

Sheriff Rick Staly has had a steady message for criminals looking to prey on evacuees during Hurricane Irma. "Any dirtbag looking to take advantage of people during this storm will be arrested and taken to the Green Roof Inn, also known as my jail," Sheriff Staly said during a hurricane update on Friday.

That statement held true this morning when Andrew David Gross was arrested for burglary. Gross, of 5 Red Barn Drive, threw a cinderblock through his evacuated neighbor's sliding glass door, gained entry to the home, and stole jewelry and other miscellaneous items.



Andrew David Gross, DOB 01/04/1981

"This is not the way we look out for our neighbors," Sheriff Staly said. "The entire state is dealing with the effects of Hurricane Irma. This is a time to come together as a community and help each other. Now we have one more dirtbag in the Green Roof Inn, just as I promised."

Gross was booked into the Flagler County Detention Facility on charges of burglary and grand theft. His bond is set at \$5,000.00.

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