

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

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017 **Contact:** Brittany Kershaw; (386) 586-2637; bkershaw@flaglersheriff.com

## <u>Taking A 'Bite out of Crime' Suspicious Person</u> <u>Arrested On Warrant Charges</u>

A Sheriff's deputy noticed a suspicious person walking along the roadway on Old Haw Creek Road in Bunnell around 3:48 pm on Wednesday. The man gave the deputy a false name and ran into the woods.

The suspect is known to deputies as Nathan Michael Ballance, DOB 8/9/1990, and has an active felony warrant for robbery. Deputies established a perimeter, along with the assistance of the Flagler County FireFlight Emergency Helicopter and K-9 Deputy Tag. K-9 Tag was able to apprehend the suspect in the woods and Ballance was taken into custody.



Nathan Michael Ballance

"Our team did a great job checking up on a suspicious person," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "In this case, our K-9 was able to take a bite out of crime and there is one less vacancy at the Green Roof Inn."

Ballance was taken to Florida Hospital Flagler to be treated for a dog bite and then to the Flagler County Detention Facility on charges of failure to appear on a felony offense, resisting arrest without violence, and giving a false name. He is being held with no bond.

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