



Rick Staly, Sheriff
FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
"An honor to serve, a duty to protect."

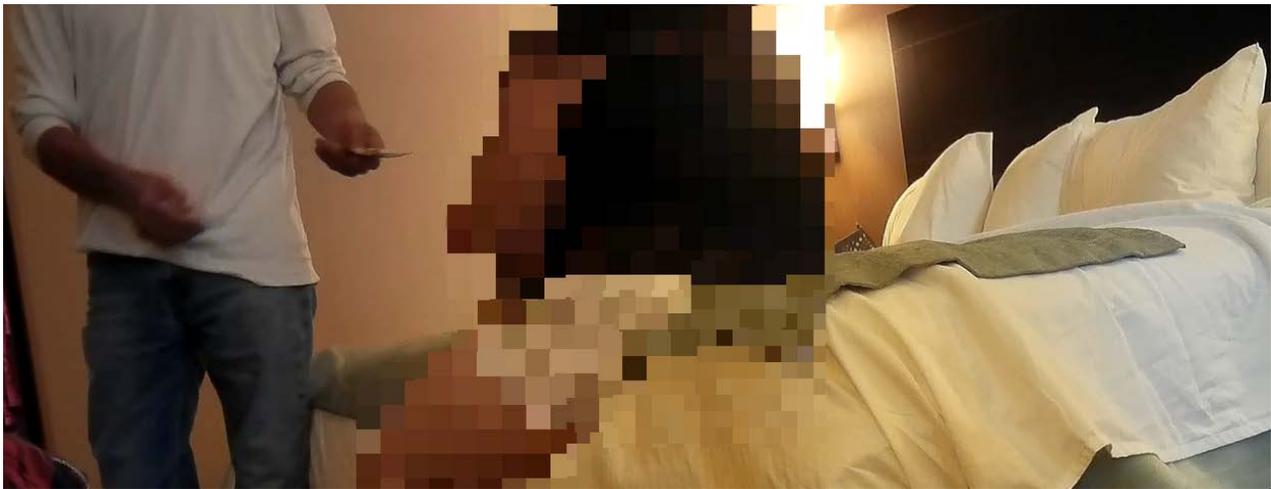
NEWS RELEASE

Date: Friday, December 1, 2017

Contact: Brittany Kershaw | (386) 586-2637 | bkershaw@flaglersheriff.com

Operation Red Light to Green Roof **Twelve Arrested for Soliciting Prostitution**

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit conducted an undercover operation investigating prostitution within Flagler County after complaints came into the Sheriff's tip line about prostitutes advertising their services in Flagler County. The conclusion of that operation resulted in the arrests of twelve people.



Surveillance footage of one "John" paying the UC.

Prostitution is often described as a victimless crime since it appears the two parties are consensual. However, the women are rarely in control of the funds they receive, human trafficking plays a large role, and these encounters are often laced with drug activity. Many times the "Johns" are victims of robbery or the women end up being attacked.

One defendant, Jeffrey Nowden Jr., arrived at the location with approximately 4.2 grams of crack cocaine and 1.5 grams of a mixture of heroin and fentanyl. He offered the undercover deputy (UC) crack cocaine in exchange sexual services. Nowden was arrested for possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of heroin, soliciting prostitution, violation of probation and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Proudly Serving the Community for 100 Years – Centennial Anniversary 1917 - 2017
An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



FCSO news release December 1, 2017; Page 2

In addition to Nowden Jr., the following were arrested: Jason William Brewer, DOB 11/22/1979, arrested for soliciting prostitution. Augusto Dacosta, DOB 1/5/61, arrested for soliciting prostitution. Steven Omega Gray, arrested for soliciting prostitution. Stephan Lee Hutton-Debaets, DOB 5/9/1989, arrested for soliciting prostitution and violation of probation. Omer Muammer Inci, DOB 5/31/1951, arrested for soliciting prostitution. Brent Keith Murray, DOB 9/2/1971, arrested for soliciting prostitution. Quacy Delano Pinder, arrested for soliciting prostitution. Michael Dimitri Rendino, DOB 3/17/1994, arrested for soliciting prostitution. Adolfo Renteria, DOB 4/7/1993, arrested for soliciting prostitution and attempted purchase of a controlled substance. Raphael Santiago Jr., DOB 2/21/1998, arrested for soliciting prostitution. Shawn William Seaverns, DOB 11/20/1981, arrested for soliciting prostitution.



From left: Brewer, Dacosta, Gray, and Hutton-Debarts



From left: Inci, Murray, Nowden, and Pinder



From left: Rendino, Renteria, Santiago, Seaverns

Proudly Serving the Community for 100 Years – Centennial Anniversary 1917 - 2017
An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency



FCSO news release December 1, 2017; Page 3

“After posting the ad on Backpage, our undercover officer’s phone was ringing off the hook,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “This shows us that the desire for prostitutes is present in Flagler County. Our UC received over one hundred phone calls from both men and women and numerous text messages displaying genitalia.”

Attempts were made to arrest “ladies of the night” as part of Operation Red Light to Green Roof, however no women showed up to meet the undercover “John.” Most women cited transportation issues as their reason for not making the trip, as they were coming from surrounding counties. “The good news for Flagler County is that it does not appear we have prostitutes in our community. The bad news is that there are many people from Flagler County trying to solicit prostitution,” Sheriff Staly said.

The website utilized, Backpage.com, is well-known by law enforcement to be used to solicit prostitution.

###

Proudly Serving the Community for 100 Years – Centennial Anniversary 1917 - 2017
An Accredited Law Enforcement Agency

