



Rick Staly, Sheriff

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Juvenile Crime Spree Ends In Arrests, Recovery of Stolen Vehicles**

Two vehicles reported stolen from Rolling Sands Drive in Palm Coast were noticed driving recklessly on Belle Terre Boulevard and State Road 100 around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday evening. A gray Dodge Journey and an orange Mitsubishi Eclipse were seen traveling at a high rate of speed, running stop signs, and endangering pedestrians on the street. Deputies activated their lights and sirens to attempt a traffic stop, but both vehicles fled from marked patrol units.

A short time later, the Mitsubishi Eclipse crashed into a palm tree on South Anderson Street in Bunnell. The driver, Sammy Alante Rozier, 16, was apprehended by deputies after a foot chase and transported to the hospital for medical clearance before being booked in the Flagler County Detention Facility.

The Dodge Journey was found abandoned on Zebu Place in Palm Coast. Nicholas D'Shawn Collins, 17, the driver of the stolen vehicle, was located at his home on East Moody Boulevard and taken into custody. During the course of the investigation, another juvenile was located within Collins' residence and arrested for violation of probation for violating his curfew. Both Rozier and Collins were charged with grand theft auto, aggravated fleeing and eluding with lights and sirens activated, reckless driving, and driving without a driver's license. Rozier was also charged with resisting arrest without violence.

Rozier and Collins are known to law enforcement due to the many incidents they have been involved in within Flagler County. Rozier is currently on juvenile pre-trial release for multiple felony offenses resulting in an imposed daily curfew from 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. On October 13, Rozier was involved in a residential burglary where multiple firearms were stolen, multiple vehicle burglaries were committed, and two automobiles were stolen and recovered. On December 2, Rozier violated his curfew and was located during a traffic stop in a vehicle with another juvenile offender who was in possession of a stolen firearm. Charging affidavits were also filed on Rozier for violating probation on November 12 and 21 when he was not home during juvenile probation checks.

"These juveniles continue to terrorize our county," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "We have done some great police work tracking them down and locking them up, but we need tougher penalties for these juvenile criminals. Their lack of consequence is posing a danger to the public and to law enforcement every time they arm themselves during a burglary or run in a stolen vehicle. I am asking the legislature to fix the

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Juvenile Justice System that continuously lets juvenile criminals run amuck in our community. This system is creating future adult criminals and it is going to end badly with their death or the death of innocent people.”

Rozier is being held at the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) for 21 days. He was just released from serving time at DJJ on December 23. DJJ ordered Collins’ release to his guardian and placed him under home detention until January 18.

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