



Rick Staly, Sheriff

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEWS RELEASE

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Serial Flagler County Flag Thief Arrested

Several stolen flags were recovered on Sunday after Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies assisted a man who was trying to catch two horses running down County Road 305. After the horses were retrieved, Charles Cowart Jr. informed deputies that he had "something to show them" at his residence. Charles Cowart Jr. went into the residence and then came out with a very large American Flag. It was determined to be the same American Flag reported stolen earlier in the day from the Indian Trails sports complex in Palm Coast.



Charles Cowart Jr. and the collection of stolen flags.

However, that was not the only flag Cowart Jr. had to show deputies. Cowart Jr. was in possession of a total of 12 flags that had all been reported stolen from various locations within Flagler County over the past two years.

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“This guy obviously had a guilty conscience,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “Our deputies went above and beyond to assist him and I’d like to believe that is why he felt the need to come clean and return the stolen property. We will not tolerate any form of theft in Flagler County. I’m glad that the flags were returned to their rightful owners. I look forward to seeing the flags back up in the air where they belong.”

Charles Cowart Jr. was arrested on three charges of felony Violation of Probation Offenses along with Petit Theft and Grand Theft. He is being held at the Flagler County Detention Facility with no bond.

Cowart Jr. has a long arrest history in Flagler County for various offenses including aggravated assault, contempt of court, shoplifting, burglary, kidnapping, disorderly intoxication, cruelty to animals, and DUI.

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