



Rick Staly, Sheriff

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Fugitive Career Criminals Arrested Within Hours of Each Other**

Just after 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon, Deputy Chewning noticed Rocky Marino, a known fugitive, in the parking lot of the Palm Coast Target. Marino was seen entering a vehicle and Sheriff's Deputies conducted a felony traffic stop at State Road 100 and Belle Terre Boulevard. Marino fled on foot from the vehicle during the traffic stop and entered another vehicle. A short time later, he was taken into custody in the Target parking lot.

Marino had an active Flagler County warrant for Failure to Appear for a Felony Offense for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (2), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving with a Suspended License. He also had two active St. John's County felony warrants for Failure to Appear for a Felony Offense for Burglary and Grand Theft. There was also an order to revoke bond regarding these offenses.



Left: Rocky Marino



Right: Ray Manning

A probable cause search of the vehicle Marino was traveling in revealed 92 grams of Marijuana, 15 Alprazolam tablets, 9 Oxycodone Hydrochloride tablets, 3 Oxycodone tablets, rolling papers, a digital scale, and a loaded firearm.

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Marino was arrested on his open warrants and additionally charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts), Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon, Failure to Appear for a Felony Offense, and Resisting Arrest Without Violence. He is being held in the Flagler County Detention Facility with No Bond.

At nearly the same time as Marino's sighting, Bunnell Police Officers were attempting to serve an active felony warrant for Failure to Register as a Career Offender to Ray Morris Manning at East Dr. Martin Luther King Junior Avenue and South Anderson Street. Manning fled Bunnell Police and Sheriff's Deputies came to assist at 3:30 p.m. Sergeant Daniel Weaver responded and saw the fugitive climb over a fence on South Cherry Street. Sgt. Weaver jumped the fence and ordered Manning to the ground. After Manning continually ignored Sgt. Weaver's commands, Sgt. Weaver deployed his agency issued Taser. Manning continued to resist arrest until multiple deputies arrived on scene to assist in taking him into custody. Manning was transported to the hospital before being taken to the Flagler County Detention Facility.

Manning was charged by Bunnell Police Department for his active warrant as well as Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Resisting Arrest without Violence. Flagler County Sheriff's Sergeant Weaver additionally charged Manning with Resisting Arrest without Violence. He is being held at the Flagler County Detention Facility on a \$6,500.00 bond.

"These are career criminals with a rap sheet a mile long that we are constantly dealing with," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Our deputies did a great job in keeping the community safe while these two events were unfolding simultaneously. I hope the courts send them both away to prison for a very long time."

Marino has numerous arrests for Violation of Probation Felony Offense, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Driving with a Suspended License.

Manning's past Flagler County arrests include Violation of Probation Felony Offense and Violation of Parole.

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