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NEWS RELEASE

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Numerous Calls to Problem Home Reveals Drug Operation, Two Arrests

Deputies responded to 7 Carlson Court in Palm Coast on Tuesday afternoon, just as they have done nearly 90 times over the past year. This call for service was regarding a verbal disturbance. An investigation determined no crime had been committed regarding the disturbance; however, the homeowner displayed signs of recent narcotics use and admitted to deputies that there were drugs in the home.

Julius Calloway, 69, led deputies to Methamphetamines and Drug Paraphernalia in his master bedroom closet, safe, and master bathroom. During the investigation, a guest of the home, Erica Bertha, 29, was packing her bags to leave when deputies noticed a baggy with a white crystal substance in between her stack of clothes. This substance tested positive for Methamphetamines and weighed 12.2 grams.



Drugs seized from 7 Carlson Court on Tuesday.

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Julius Calloway admitted to deputies that he allows drug sellers and users to stay at his residence in return for narcotics. He was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Public Nuisance. He is being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility on a \$2,750 bond. Erica Bertha was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Sell. She is being held on a \$5,000.00 bond.



Left: Julius Calloway Right: Erica Bertha

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit (SIU) has received numerous anonymous tips and complaints from members of the community on Calloway's residence at 7 Carlson Court, in reference to high foot and vehicle traffic believed to be associated with narcotic sales. Sheriff's Deputies have responded to almost 90 calls for service to the address in the past year for reports of stolen vehicles, drunk drivers, larceny, narcotics, suspicious persons, suspicious vehicles, warrant services and weapon complaints.

On April 16th, the FCSO responded to 7 Carlson Court, in reference to an overdose caused by the use of narcotics. On May 6th, the FCSO Investigative Services Division served a search warrant at the residence which resulted in the removal of a firearm. On the same date, a Deputy conducted a traffic stop on Calloway's vehicle resulting in multiple arrests and narcotics seized.

"This has been a problem house in this neighborhood caused by the homeowner having no respect for his neighbors," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "If he wants to continue to allow his home to be a revolving door of criminals, drug users and poison peddlers then I hope he enjoys staying at the Green Roof Inn. Take your poison and your dirtbag friends and leave Flagler County because we are coming for you."

Previously, the Sheriff's Office has responded to almost 100 incidents at this residence since August 2016 and made numerous arrests involving people that frequent this home.

As always, if you see something, say something. Contact FCSO at 386-313-4911 or email TIPS@flaglersheriff.com. Download the Flagler County Sheriff's Office app in the App Store or Google Play and submit tips instantly. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-888-277-TIPS.

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