



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Sheriff's Office Closes Drug House Operating Out of a Hotel Room**

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Special Investigations Unit (SIU), with the assistance of the FCSO SWAT team, executed a Narcotics Search Warrant at one of the rooms at the Econolodge located at 5 Kingswood Drive in Palm Coast on Thursday morning. This Search Warrant was the conclusion of multiple covert operations conducted by SIU, who were investigating the narcotics distribution activities of the long-term tenant, 25-year-old Joshua LeMaster (DOB 12/29/1994).



Drug house closed sign in hotel room of Joshua LeMaster during search warrant.

LeMaster and his parents (Jackie and Jody LeMaster) were located inside of the room upon serving the Search Warrant.

Detectives subsequently seized over a half pound of Cannabis, THC concentrate, a variety of packaging

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materials consistent with illegal narcotics sales, and other miscellaneous evidence related to the previous undercover operations conducted.

At the time of the Search Warrant, LeMaster also had an active Felony Arrest Warrant in Flagler County for Sale or Possession THC with Intent to Sell Within 1000' Feet of a Convenience Business and Unlawful Use of a Two Way Communication Device.

Additionally, LeMaster is a Registered Sex Offender and is currently on Sex Offender Probation for crimes he committed in Flagler County for Lewd and Lascivious Battery (Victim 12-16 years old).

Joshua Keith LeMaster was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Sell Within 1000' of a Convenience Business, Possession of THC Concentrate, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Violation of Sex Offender Probation in addition to the active arrest warrant. He is being held with no bond allowed.

Jackie Ervin LeMaster (DOB 8/29/1964) was arrested and charged with Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Sell Within 1000' of a Convenience Business and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was released after posting a \$5,500 bond.

"This guy has been on our radar for a long time and this just goes to show you that we'll find you wherever you are, even in a hotel room. Now he has a new room at the Green Roof Inn," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Our SIU and SWAT team did another great job. I hope the justice system finally holds him accountable for his actions for his continuous criminal activity and sends him to prison for a long time. He's had enough opportunities to turn his life around and refuses."

Joshua LeMaster has previous arrests in Flagler County dating back to 2013 for various charges including theft, carrying a concealed weapon, dealing in stolen property, lewd and lascivious battery, and numerous violation of probation charges.

Earlier this year, Joshua LeMaster was involved in a shooting incident at his business at 15 Hargrove Lane Unit 5E in Palm Coast on August 22nd. On Friday afternoon, October 30, the Honorable Judge France signed a warrant for the arrest of Joshua LeMaster for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon during the shooting. The warrant will be served to LeMaster at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility and he will be arrested for the new charge. The investigation into the shooting was turned over to the State Attorney's Office for review under applicable Florida law. [The original news release on this incident can be viewed here.](#)

Additional charges are pending and this investigation is ongoing.

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