



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

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

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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Male Arrested on Six Counts of Sexual Battery on a Juvenile**

BUNNELL, FL – A 28-year-old man has been arrested for sexually battering a juvenile multiple times over the span of several years.

In September 2023, Flagler County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to Advent Health in Palm Coast after hospital staff called to report a possible sex offense involving a juvenile. Detectives from the Major Case Unit responded and began the investigation.

During the investigation, the juvenile reported that a known male had been sexually battering the victim since the victim was between the ages of 4 and 6 years old. Detectives responded to the male's residence and seized several items including a cell phone, iPad, camcorder, and other items. Through DNA testing by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, detectives were able to confirm the male had been involved in sexually battering the juvenile.

28-year-old Jessy Kalani Andrew Gilbreath was arrested on October 24, 2023, after the months-long investigation. Gilbreath was arrested for 5 counts of Sexual Battery on a Minor 12-18 Years Old by a person in Familial or Custodial Authority and one count of Sexual Battery on a Minor Less than 12 Years Old. He is being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility on no bond.



*Jessy Gilbreath (Flagler County Jail mugshot)*

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“This is a gut-wrenching case involving a defenseless child who has endured years of sexual battery by this pervert,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “I am glad the juvenile was able to find the strength to report what had been occurring to them for years and I hope they get the help and support they need. This guy took the juvenile’s childhood and innocence away and now he needs to spend the rest of his life locked up. I commend our Major Case detectives and thank FDLE for quickly processing the evidence so we could arrest this child predator.”

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