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### **Virginia Fugitive from Justice Wanted for Cold Case Murder** **Caught in Flagler County**

BUNNELL, Fla. — A Virginia fugitive from justice was arrested in Flagler County on Tuesday, September 17, on warrants for Second Degree Murder and Burglary from Virginia.

On Old Kings Road, Flagler County Sheriff's (FCSO) deputies conducted a traffic stop on the truck Timothy Hickerson, 43, of Palm Coast was driving due to the vehicle running a red light. During the stop, deputies determined he had an active fugitive warrant from Virginia. Hickerson was immediately placed in handcuffs and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility.



*Timothy Hickerson (Wanted in Virginia)*

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Hickerson was wanted for the murder of Shane Ryan Donahue, 23, of Nokesville, VA.



*Shane Ryan Donahue (Victim)*

On March 24, 2010, Donahue was reported missing, last seen leaving his parents home in Nokesville, about an hour southwest of Washington, D.C. but the case became cold. Recently, according to investigators in Virginia, they received new information and reactivated the investigation. Detectives discovered the victim and Hickerson were seen leaving the victim’s parents' home, and returning to the victim’s home nearby. Donahue was not seen or heard from again and is presumed deceased by Virginia authorities. His remains have not been located.

During the investigation in Virginia, Hickerson was connected to a burglary at Donahue’s home just days before his disappearance. The reactivated investigation resulted in Prince William County, Virginia detectives obtaining a warrant for his arrest.



*Timothy Hickerson (Flagler County Jail Mugshot)*

Hickerson will remain at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility under no bond until he is extradited back to Virginia.

Hickerson had been living in Palm Coast since 2022.

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“This shows there is no such thing as a simple traffic stop. This one ended with a fugitive meeting justice who was wanted for a murder that occurred more than 14 years ago.” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “If you’re a fugitive, we will catch you regardless of where you ran from and take you to jail.”

View video of arrest here: <https://bit.ly/3Zvl9aW>

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