

Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FCSO Conducting Sex Offender Checks Prior to Halloween

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff's Office is conducting sex offender checks before and on Halloween this year.

There are currently 137 sex offenders and four predators living in Flagler County. This number includes anyone with a Flagler County address or incarcerated in the county. Of the 137, there are 20 sex offenders and probationers in Flagler County who have special conditions of their release prohibiting them from participating in Halloween-related activities. The 20 sex offenders and probationers are prohibited from handing out candy, putting up Halloween decorations, and leaving their porch lights on during Halloween night. They also must be home by 4:30 p.m. on Halloween and stay there for the remainder of the night.

FCSO's Sex Offender Unit teams up with the Florida Department of Corrections (FDOC) Probation & Parole Services to conduct in-person address checks and verify that the addresses provided to FDOC upon release from prison are valid. FDOC probation officers will accompany FCSO detectives during the visits, which include a walk-through of the residence and a reminder of the specific Halloween restrictions.

"We always take safety very seriously, especially regarding children," said Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly. "We will do everything we can to ensure these sex offenders and probationers are not able to prey on kids when they go trick-or-treating. If any of these people are not in compliance, they'll be taken to the Green Roof Inn. Parents, do your part to protect your children by visiting the Florida Sex Offender database, so avoid any homes that may be where your children plan to go."

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Separate from the 20 sex offenders with special conditions for Halloween, FCSO's Sex Offender Unit and Major Case Unit detectives have been going to each address of all Flagler County sex offenders during the month of October to ensure these offenders and predators comply with Florida law.

Below is the list of the registered sex offenders and probationers in Flagler County who must comply with these restrictions, including their photos, names, and addresses. FCSO urges you to avoid visiting these residences during Halloween.



Sheriff Staly urges you to visit the <u>Florida Sex Offender / Predator Database</u> before Halloween to check for any sex offenders or predators that live near you or in the areas you plan to visit on Halloween night so you can avoid encountering any sex offenders.

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