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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FCSO Arrests Palm Coast Pervert for Possession and Transmission of Child Pornography**

BUNNELL, Fla. — On May 20, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, with assistance from federal, state, and local partners through the Northeast Florida Inter-Agency Child Exploitation and Persons Trafficking Task Force (INTERCEPT), served a search warrant at 108 Woodhaven Drive in Palm Coast, resulting in one arrest and the seizure of child sexual abuse material. The search warrant was the culmination of a seven-month investigation.

In October 2024, the FCSO Cyber Crimes/ICAC Unit began an investigation following a tip from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children regarding child sexual abuse material being shared by a user on the messaging app Kik Messenger. Through investigative means, detectives identified the user as Andrew Da Silva, 24, of Palm Coast. During the investigation, detectives documented over 70 instances in which Da Silva possessed, viewed, or transmitted child sexual abuse material.

On the morning of May 20, members of the FCSO Cyber Crimes/ICAC Unit, Digital Forensics Unit, Crime Scene Investigations Unit, and SWAT team, along with members of NEFL INTERCEPT, served a search warrant at Da Silva's residence. During the search, Digital Forensics Unit detectives and K-9 Birdie, the FCSO's electronic storage detection dog, located multiple communication and storage devices.

Detectives arrested Da Silva for possession, control, or intentional viewing of child pornography. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where he is being held on a \$250,000 bond.

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*Andrew Da Silva (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mugshot)*

“For the second time in one week, our detectives put a disgusting pervert behind bars. I want to commend and thank everyone involved in this case for their hard work putting this guy in the Green Roof Inn where he belongs,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “If you are doing anything to victimize children, we will work to find you and put you in jail.”

The FCSO joined NEFL INTERCEPT, a collaborative task force dedicated to eliminating child exploitation and human trafficking, in April. In addition to FCSO, NEFL INTERCEPT is comprised of investigators and analysts from Northeast Florida law enforcement agencies including the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Nassau County Sheriff's Office, Putnam County Sheriff's Office, St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and Homeland Security Investigations.

NEFL INTERCEPT is built on a partnership with Operation Lightshine, a non-profit organization committed to providing law enforcement with resources and support to enhance criminal investigations capabilities, rescue victims, and hold offenders accountable. This multidisciplinary collaboration provides law enforcement agencies with advanced technology, forensic capabilities, subject matter experts, and other resources to achieve the task force's mission.

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