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Two Juveniles Arrested After Fleeing from Deputies on Electric Off-Road Bikes in Palm Coast – Both Bikes Seized

BUNNELL, Fla. — Flagler County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested two Palm Coast juveniles last week after they fled from law enforcement on electric off-road motorcycles, endangering the lives of motorists and pedestrians in the process.

In the early afternoon of July 2, an FCSO Motors Unit deputy attempted a traffic stop at the intersection of Palm Coast Parkway and Boulder Rock Drive after observing two juveniles riding electric off-road motorcycles on the sidewalk. Upon seeing the deputy, both riders fled at high rates of speed in opposite directions, showing a total disregard for public safety. One rider, later identified as Christopher Edward Walker, 15, of Palm Coast, was traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes against heavy oncoming traffic when the deputy lost visual near the I-95 overpass and Palm Coast Parkway.

A second Motors Unit deputy located the other rider, later identified as Andrew Bernard Gaines, 14, of Palm Coast, traveling westbound on a sidewalk along Pine Lakes Parkway. Upon seeing the deputy, Gaines fled and eventually crossed over from the sidewalk onto the roadway, weaving through oncoming traffic to evade arrest. Gaines continued along multipurpose trails, grassy areas and side streets at a high rate of speed.

The juvenile was apprehended when he lost control and crashed onto the grass in front of a home on Whippoorwill Drive in a residential neighborhood of Palm Coast.

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Gaines was arrested for fleeing and eluding law enforcement and fleeing with disregard for the safety of persons or property, both third-degree felonies. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility for processing. The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice released him to his parent.

On July 3, deputies located and arrested Walker at his residence for fleeing with disregard for safety of persons or property and failing to register a motor vehicle. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility for processing and then released to his parent by the DJJ.



Christopher Edward Walker and Andrew Bernard Gaines (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mugshots)

“The reckless use of e-bikes and off-road bikes are increasing ever since the state reduced regulations. We are committed to keeping Palm Coast safe for all residents, and I have instructed our general counsel to draft an ordinance for the City of Palm Coast to consider controlling e-bikes and off-road bikes that are being driven recklessly in our community,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “This type of reckless behavior puts everyone traveling and walking along our roadways and sidewalks at serious risk, and it will not be tolerated. If you flee from us, you will not only be arrested but we will seize your bike, too.”

Both electric off-road motorcycles were seized for potential forfeiture.

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