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'See Something, Say Something' Results in Daytona Man Arrested for Grand Theft from Home Under Construction

BUNNELL, Fla. —On July 9, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Problem Area Crime Enforcement (P.A.C.E). Unit arrested Andrew Atkerson, 36, of Daytona Beach, for grand theft.

The investigation into Atkerson began on May 6, when deputies received a report of a stolen air conditioning condenser, valued at over \$4,300, from a new home construction site on Eric Drive in Palm Coast.

On May 5, the future homeowner visited the construction site to inspect the progress of their home under construction when they saw a truck leaving the residence with a tarp covering something large in the bed of the truck. After discovering the home's air conditioning condenser was missing, the homeowner reported the suspicious vehicle and its possible connection to the theft.

Using investigative means, detectives identified the truck as one rented to Atkerson. Atkerson told detectives that he took the unit to give it to someone in need, but it wouldn't work for the house when he attempted to install it. After expressing his regret for stealing the unit, Atkerson had a friend deliver the stolen unit to the Sheriff's Office Operation's Center three days later.

On July 9, during a traffic stop in Flagler County, Atkerson was arrested for grand theft and violation of probation. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where he is being held without bond.

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Atkerson has an extensive out of state criminal history that includes arrests for carjacking, battery, burglary, possession of controlled substance, obstruction of a public officer, battery by a prisoner, and domestic violence.

“This repeat offender made a deliberate decision to steal from a construction site,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “Thanks to the sharp eye of the homeowner and the investigative work of our detectives, our Real Time Crime Center, and our PACE unit, we were able to identify, locate, and arrest him. Let this be another reminder that if you steal from a construction site, especially homes under construction, you will be caught and checked into the Green Roof Inn.”



Andrew Atkerson (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility Mugshot)

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