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Case Update: Ormond Beach Drug Trafficker Arrested Again **Following Further Investigation**

BUNNELL, Fla. — Leonard Fries Jr., a target of Operation: Summer Slammer who was arrested by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office on May 16 during a narcotics-related search warrant at his residence, has been rearrested following further investigation. He now faces six additional charges.



Leonard Fries Jr. (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mugshot)

Working with the State Attorney's Office, Special Investigations Unit detectives obtained two arrest warrants on August 22 based on the results of controlled narcotics purchases that occurred during the five-month investigation preceding the search warrant and Fries' original arrest in May. The additional charges were being held pending the results of lab tests by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Fries turned himself in at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility later that same day and was

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arrested for trafficking in cocaine (28 grams to 200 grams), two counts of sale of cocaine, and three counts of unlawful use of a two-way communications device. He was later released on a \$95,000 bond.

“Hopefully, because of a thorough investigation by our SIU team and prosecution by the State Attorney’s Office this poison peddler will eventually go to prison for a long time,” said Sheriff Rick Staly.

Fries currently faces 13 charges because of the investigation, 11 of which are felonies.

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FCSO Closes Ormond Beach-Area Drug House, **Arrests Narcotics Trafficker**

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office Special Investigations Unit, SWAT team, and the FBI, joined by Sheriff Rick Staly, served a narcotics-related search warrant at 17 Winchester Road in the Ormond Beach-area of Flagler County in the early morning of May 16, closing another drug house; arresting a drug trafficker; and seizing drugs, weapons, and vehicles. The search warrant was the culmination of a five-month undercover operation.

During the search of the residence, SIU detectives located and seized cocaine, almost a kilogram of marijuana, methamphetamine, seven firearms, three vehicles, and over \$5,000 in cash.



Sheriff Rick Staly plants a “This Drug House Closed for Business” sign outside the residence at 17 Winchester Road in Ormond Beach.

“This poison peddler was living a pretty bougie lifestyle, with a big house, multiple cars, guns, and a lot

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of cash on hand. Unfortunately for him, thanks to our detectives' hard work, he'll now have to experience a drastic downgrade in accommodations during his stay at the Green Roof Inn," said Sheriff Staly. "I commend our detectives for their work on this investigation and our SWAT team and federal partners for safely serving this search warrant and helping us put this armed drug trafficker behind bars. If you are a poison peddler doing business in Flagler County, whether you are living a bougie or in the hood, I suggest you pack up and hit the road because we'll find you next."

Detectives arrested Leonard Fries Jr., 49, of Ormond Beach, for armed trafficking of cocaine; possession of marijuana with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver; possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver; possession of cathinones with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver; possession of hashish with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver; resisting arrest without violence; and two counts of manufacture or delivery of narcotics cultivation paraphernalia. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where he is being held without bond, until first appearance. The investigation is ongoing, and additional charges may be pending.



Leonard Fries Jr. (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mugshot)

Anyone with information on suspected narcotics activity or drug dealers in Flagler County are encouraged to contact FCSO by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-888-277-TIPS (8477), emailing TIPS@flaglersheriff.com, or submitting a tip through the FCSO website or app.

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