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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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'See Something, Say Something' Results in Multiple DUI Arrests - Sheriff Staly Reminds Flagler County Drivers of the Dangers of DUI

BUNNELL, Fla. — Flagler County Sheriff's Office deputies made 11 arrests this past weekend between 6 p.m. on Friday, August 22, 2025, and 6 a.m. on Monday, August 25, 2025. Deputies handled 593 calls for service and made 146 traffic stops.

After Multiple DUIs Over Weekend, Sheriff Staly Reminds Drivers to Never Drink and Drive

On Friday night, deputies responded to a report from a 911 caller that a Jeep was swerving all over the road in the area of the Hammock Dunes Bridge in Palm Coast. When deputies located the vehicle, they observed multiple traffic violations, including rolling through an intersection past a stop sign and crossing over a double yellow line into the oncoming lane of traffic.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop and spoke with the driver, identified as Charles Dehlinger, 48, of Palm Coast. During the stop, deputies noticed that Dehlinger's eyes were watery and bloodshot, he had slurred speech, and he smelled strongly of alcohol. After Dehlinger refused to participate in field sobriety exercises, deputies arrested him for DUI. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where he refused to provide a breath test. Dehlinger was later released on a \$1,000 bond.

View [body camera footage](#) from Dehlinger's arrest.

On Saturday night, deputies conducted a traffic stop on a white sedan after observing multiple traffic

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violations. As deputies were travelling northbound on US Highway 1 in Palm Coast, the sedan sped past them and swerved, nearly striking multiple other vehicles.

During the traffic stop, deputies spoke with the driver, identified as Sirena Mathews, 29, of Ocala, Florida. Mathews was unable to find her driver's license and could not provide deputies with basic information, such as her full name or date of birth, without pausing or correcting herself. Additionally, deputies noticed that her eyes were watery with dilated pupils, her speech was slurred, her clothing was disheveled, and she smelled strongly of alcohol.

Deputies conducted a series of field sobriety exercises, which Mathews failed. Deputies then arrested her for DUI. She was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. At the jail, Mathews provided tests of her breath. The first test indicated she had a blood alcohol content of 0.245 and the second indicated a BAC of 0.243 — both more than three times the legal limit. She was later released on a \$1,000 bond.

View [bodycam footage](#) from Mathews' arrest.

Later that same night, deputies responded to a crash on South Old Kings Road after a man called the FCSO Communications Center and reported that he hit a deer. Upon arrival, deputies spoke with the driver, identified as John Flynn, 68, of Flagler Beach, who was lying next to the deer. While speaking with Flynn, deputies noticed that his eyes were watery and bloodshot, his speech was slurred, and he was swaying and had difficulty keeping himself balanced.

After confirming that Flynn was not in need of medical attention, deputies informed him they would be conducting a DUI investigation. Deputies conducted a series of field sobriety exercises, which Flynn failed. Deputies arrested Flynn for DUI and transported him to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where he was later released on a \$1,000 bond.

View [bodycam footage](#) from Flynn's arrest.

Then, in the early morning on Sunday, deputies responded after a 911 caller reported that a black pickup truck had been sitting at the intersection of Fort Caroline Lane and Foster Lane in Palm Coast for over an hour with a young male asleep behind the wheel. When deputies arrived, they woke up the driver, later identified as Stephen Maxwell, 19, of Palm Coast. While speaking with Maxwell, deputies detected the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle and observed an opened BuzzBallz alcoholic beverage on the floorboard. Deputies then searched the vehicle and located a counterfeit New York driver's license, marijuana, and THC.

Deputies arrested Maxwell for DUI, possession of a counterfeit ID, possession of marijuana (20 grams or less), and possession of hashish. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention

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Facility, where he is being held on a \$3,000 bond.

View [bodycam footage](#) from Maxwell's arrest.

"This weekend, we ran the gamut with DUIs in which drivers almost crashed, crashed, or fell asleep at the wheel with drugs in the vehicle," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Getting behind the wheel while buzzed or falling down drunk is extremely dangerous and is not something that we will tolerate. All four of these people are lucky that they did not hurt or kill themselves or any other drivers on our roadways. I thank the witnesses that 'saw something' and 'said something' as they may have saved a life by calling us."



Charles Dehlinger, Sirena Mathews, John Flynn, and Stephen Maxwell (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mugshots)

In addition to these four arrests, three other motorists were booked into the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility for DUI following arrests by Florida Highway Patrol on Flagler County roadways.

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