



**Rick Staly, Sheriff**  
**FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Weekend Roundup: October 4-5**

#### *Flying Frying Pan Leads to Domestic Violence Arrest; Man Flees from Traffic Stop*

BUNNELL, Fla. — Flagler County Sheriff's Office deputies made 11 arrests this past weekend between 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3, 2025, and 6 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025. Deputies handled 518 calls for service and made 91 traffic stops.

#### **Deputies Arrest Man Who Burned Victim During Domestic Violence Incident**

On Saturday evening, deputies responded to a reported domestic disturbance in the L-Section of Palm Coast. Upon arrival, deputies located the victim being treated for burns by emergency medical services.

Deputies interviewed the victim, who stated that she had asked the suspect, Gerald Vingara, 49, of Bunnell, to make her food because she was having a diabetic episode. According to the victim, Vingara made her noodles, then placed them on her face and arms. The victim then began arguing with Vingara, which continued while he was cooking burgers in a pan on the stovetop. During the argument, Vingara threw the pan in the victim's direction, causing hot grease to splash and injure her. Vingara then left the residence prior to deputies' arrival.

Deputies located Vingara driving into Bunnell and stopped his vehicle. Deputies interviewed Vingara, who disputed the events and stated to deputies the victim had grabbed the pan and thrown it across the house, hitting curtains hanging above a sliding door.

During the investigation, deputies did not observe grease on the curtains and instead found grease in a location matching the victim's statements. Deputies determined that Vingara was the primary

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aggressor, causing burns to the victim resulting in permanent disfigurement.

“This was a very immature and dangerous response to an argument,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “Throwing a frying pan filled with hot grease is never the answer to an argument. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and it’s important that our community knows that we won’t tolerate this kind of behavior or violence.”



*Gerald Vingara (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mug shot)*

Deputies arrested Vingara for felony battery. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where he was later released on a \$500 bond.

#### **Deputies Arrest Man with Active Warrant After He Fled from Traffic Stop**

On Sunday evening, deputies attempted a traffic stop on County Road 90 in Bunnell for a vehicle traveling without headlights. The vehicle, a white Ford truck, was known to belong to Dwayne Dameron, 56, of Bunnell, who had an active arrest warrant for violation of probation.

Dameron failed to stop and continued driving until he pulled into the driveway of his residence on County Road 75. After stopping, Dameron then fled on foot into the backyard. Deputies immediately established a perimeter and quickly located and apprehended Dameron in the backyard.

“This guy thought that he could evade our deputies, but instead he went to jail tired with more charges than he had on his warrant,” said Sheriff Staly. “Our K-9 Unit was called to respond, and luckily for this guy our deputies caught him before a dog had an opportunity to take a bite out of crime. Next time, maybe he’ll think twice about running.”

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*Dwayne Dameron (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mug shot)*

Deputies arrested Dameron on his active warrant for violation of probation, as well as fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer with lights and sirens activated, resisting an officer without violence, and violation of probation.

Dameron is well known to law enforcement, with previous arrests in Flagler County for charges including domestic battery, battery by strangulation, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

He was taken to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility where he is being held without bond.

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