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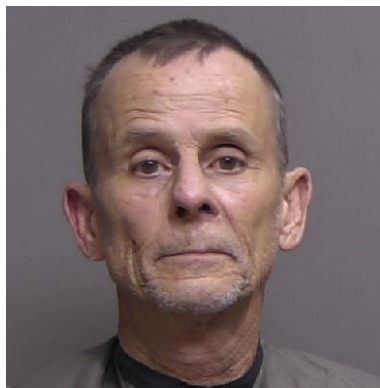
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Deputies Seize Enough Fentanyl to Kill Thousands Following Traffic Stop

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff's Office arrested a Bunnell man for trafficking in fentanyl following a traffic stop in Bunnell on Wednesday.

While conducting traffic enforcement in the area, an FCSO deputy initiated a traffic stop around midnight on a black Harley-Davidson motorcycle at the intersection of Mahogany Boulevard and Mistletoe Street after a query revealed inconsistencies with the license plate and the registered owner.

During the traffic stop, the motorcycle operator, identified as David Burley, 62, of Bunnell, provided deputies with a vehicle registration and an application for title, both of which belonged to a different motorcycle. Further investigation revealed the motorcycle had an expired registration under a different name.



David Burley (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mugshot)

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Upon speaking with both Burley and the previously registered owner regarding the motorcycle's ownership status, deputies determined that Burley had purchased the motorcycle through a third party but failed to properly register it.

After placing Burley under arrest, deputies located a loaded pistol and 24.4 grams of fentanyl inside his jacket pocket and \$2,307 in cash in his possession.

"This poison peddler didn't get a kiss when he stopped on Mistletoe Street, but he did get handcuffs," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "He had enough fentanyl to potentially kill 12,200 people. That's the population of Bunnell, Flagler Beach, Beverly Beach and Marineland combined. But now this poison is off the street, this dirtbag is in the jail, and he's facing a 20-year mandatory minimum sentence and \$100,000 fine. Another great job by our deputies looking beyond the traffic violation."

Burley was arrested for trafficking in fentanyl, carrying a concealed firearm during the commission of a felony, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and attaching an unassigned license plate to a motor vehicle. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where he is being held without bond. The cash and motorcycle were seized for forfeiture.

With previous arrests for drug possession, drug trafficking, disorderly intoxication, tampering with evidence, obstruction, and domestic battery, Burley is no stranger to law enforcement.

View the body camera footage here: <https://bit.ly/4qMFHXl>

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