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**FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FCSO Detective Arrested in Ormond Beach for Traffic Violation**

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff's Office has been made aware that a member of the agency, Detective Ardit Coma, was arrested early this morning in Ormond Beach for fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer.

Detective Coma was in his unmarked assigned agency vehicle on his way to work when the incident occurred. In accordance with FCSO policy, Detective Coma was immediately suspended without pay.

"Sheriff Rick Staly expects our employees to follow the law and when a deputy's alleged actions rise to the level of an arrest, we act swiftly, as this type of behavior is not representative of the values or expectations of the Sheriff's Office," said Chief of Staff Mark Strobridge. "We also believe in the criminal justice system which provides Detective Coma due process just like anyone else."

For further information on the arrest, please contact the Ormond Beach Police Department. Once the criminal case is completed, the FCSO Professional Standards Unit will conduct an internal investigation. Until that time, Detective Coma is suspended without pay and has no law enforcement authority.

Detective Coma joined the agency in June 2023 and currently serves in the Major Case Unit. He has received numerous commendations, including a Life Saving Award in 2024.

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