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Woman Arrested for Drug Possession; Drunk Driver Arrested After Driving Wrong Way

BUNNELL, Fla. — Flagler County Sheriff's Office deputies made 10 arrests this past weekend between 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 26, 2025, and 6 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 29, 2025. Deputies handled 671 calls for service and made 194 traffic stops.

Woman Arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, Bringing Contraband into Jail

On Friday evening, a deputy conducting patrols on Old Kings Road in Palm Coast observed a pickup truck that appeared to have broken down, blocking the right turn lane. The deputy approached the disabled vehicle and made contact with the driver and a passenger, who was identified as Robin Strickland, 42, of Bunnell.

While speaking with them, the deputy noticed the smell of marijuana coming from the vehicle and asked the driver if there was any marijuana in the vehicle. The driver replied there was, and he grabbed two plastic bags containing marijuana from the vehicle's glove compartment. Neither the driver nor Strickland possessed a medical marijuana card.

The deputy then advised that he was going to search the vehicle, and Strickland told the deputy there was THC powder inside her backpack, which was on the floorboard in front of the passenger seat. During the search, the deputy located the THC powder, as well as a grinder with marijuana residue in the glove compartment.

A female deputy arrived on scene and searched Strickland. During the search, the deputy located a crystal-like substance, which was wrapped in wax paper, in Strickland's bra. The substance tested

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positive for methamphetamine. Strickland later told deputies that she did not know she had the methamphetamine on her.

Deputies arrested Strickland for possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Strickland was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where detention deputies asked if she had anything illegal on her. Strickland said no. During the booking process, detention deputies found two pieces of aluminum foil with burnt methamphetamine residue in Strickland's pocket. She was additionally arrested for introduction of contraband into a county detention facility.



Robin Strickland (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mug shot)

"When deputies ask if you have any drugs on you, and you know you do, it's better to admit it than bring it in to the jail," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Lying or trying to hide anything while being booked into the jail will only bring you another felony charge."

Strickland was booked into the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where she is being held on a \$6,500 bond.

Wrong-Way Driver Arrested for DUI, Found to be Three Times Over the Legal Limit

Early Saturday morning, a deputy and a Bunnell Police Department officer conducted a traffic stop after observing a vehicle exit a parking lot onto U.S. Highway 1 in Bunnell and drive into oncoming traffic — traveling northbound in the southbound lanes — before abruptly crossing over the concrete median into the correct lanes.

The deputy and officer pulled the vehicle over at the intersection of East Palm Street and North Church Street and contacted the driver, later identified as Brandie Gambrell, 37, of Lula, Georgia. While speaking with Gambrell, they noticed several indicators of her being intoxicated, including slurred speech, watery and bloodshot eyes, crying, and the strong odor of alcohol coming from her breath.

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When a deputy asked Gambrell for identification, she provided a credit card instead of a driver's license.

Deputies conducted a series of field sobriety exercises, which Gambrell failed as she struggled to comprehend instructions and couldn't keep her balance. Deputies arrested Gambrell for DUI.

Deputies transported Gambrell to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility. At the jail, deputies administered a breath alcohol test. The first test indicated she had a blood alcohol content of 0.253% and the second indicated a BAC of 0.259% — over three times the legal limit.



Brandie Gambrell (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mug shot)

“Brandie may have had way too much brandy for the holidays but choosing to get behind the wheel of a car was incredibly stupid and dangerous,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “When you drive impaired you not only put yourself at risk, but you’re also endangering the lives of anyone else in the car or on the roadway. Luckily, deputies and a Bunnell officer witnessed her impaired driving and stopped her before she killed someone.”

Gambrell was booked into the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where she was later released on a \$1,000 bond.

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

“With New Year's Eve approaching, I remind drivers to have a designated driver or a plan for a safe ride home if your plan to celebrate,” Sheriff Staly added. “You don't want to start 2026 inside the bars at the Green Roof Inn.”

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