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Fugitive Ireland Citizen Arrested for Anti-Semitic Hate Crimes, Awaiting Extradition to Flagler County from Ireland

BUNNELL, Fla. — On Friday, March 14, 2025, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office was notified that Ireland authorities had arrested Liam Mackin, 71, on an INTERPOL warrant in Northern Ireland. FCSO's Fugitive Unit had worked with the U.S. Department of Justice - Office of International Affairs, the FBI and the U.S. Marshal's Service to have Irish authorities apprehend him on his international fugitive warrant from Flagler County.

Mackin, had previously resided in Flagler Beach, Florida, but quickly sold his home and fled back to his home in Ireland after Flagler Beach Police Department (FBPD) determined he had committed anti-Semitic hate crimes in November 2023. Mackin was seen on security cameras vandalizing residential and business properties with prejudicial hate graffiti targeting the Jewish community. The FBPD investigation revealed that Mackin targeted and defaced a total of six properties. The Flagler Beach Police Department had obtained a warrant for Mackin for Criminal Mischief, (\$1000 or more) - Evidencing Prejudice While Committing Offense. The warrant was given to the Sheriff's Office Fugitive Unit, which then began a search for Mackin and determined he was likely hiding in Ireland.

"Mackin's actions incited fear within our community," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "There are no borders when it comes to stopping criminals from terrorizing our community and tracking down fugitives, no matter how far they flee. We work closely with our local, state, federal and international partners to bring criminals to justice. Thank you to INTERPOL for issuing the international warrant and the U.S. Department of Justice for their assistance."

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Mackin was arrested in Northern Ireland and is in the process of being extradited to Flagler County, which could take up to six months. "Today, I spoke with U.S. Marshal Berger and his team is ready to bring him back to Flagler County once the extradition is finalized between Ireland authorities and the United States," said Sheriff Staly.

"I echo the sentiments of Sheriff Staly, as this case is a prime example of global Law Enforcement teamwork," said Flagler Beach Police Chief Matt Doughney. "The cooperation between local agencies like ours here in Flagler County, along with the assistance from State, Federal and International authorities will hopefully result in Mr. Mackin returning back to Flagler County to answer for the heinous crimes he committed in our community. Mr. Mackin thought fleeing to Ireland would prevent him from prosecution; he thought wrong."



Liam Mackin

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