

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

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Career Cocaine Dealer Arrested Following Traffic Stop**

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff's Office, Problem Area Crime Enforcement Unit (PACE) arrested convicted felon Troy Mickens, 44, of Bunnell, after finding cocaine inside his vehicle following a traffic stop in Palm Coast.

On June 18, PACE Unit detectives observed a vehicle at a gas station and determined that the vehicle's registered owner, Mickens, had a suspended license and the state had issued a seize tag order on the vehicle. Detectives conducted a traffic stop near Heroes Memorial Park in Palm Coast after he committed a traffic infraction.

During the traffic stop, one detective ran Mickens' driver's license to verify his license was suspended while another observed Mickens open his cell phone, which displayed a text that stated, "I got 3, what you need."

While searching the vehicle, detectives located a small plastic bag hidden inside a pack of cigarettes under the driver's seat. The substance inside the bag weighed 5.4 grams and tested positive for cocaine. Detectives noted that the weight of the cocaine and its packaging is consistent with sale and delivery of illegal narcotics and that no drug paraphernalia was found inside the vehicle.

Based on the packaging and the text they observed detectives arrested Mickens for possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver within 1,000 feet of a park and driving while license suspended.

"This guy should have thought twice before he drove with a suspended license, especially knowing he

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had cocaine in the vehicle ready for delivery," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Excellent job by our PACE Unit getting this dirtbag and his poison off the street. He's been to prison for dealing cocaine before, as well as a multitude of other offenses, but he obviously hasn't learned his lesson. Time for him to go back for a long time."



Troy Mickens (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mugshot)

Mickens has an extensive criminal history with prior felony convictions for charges including multiple counts of possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver; burglary of an occupied conveyance; multiple counts of fleeing and eluding; and failure to appear — all occurring in Flagler County. He also has numerous convictions for driving while license suspended.

Mickens was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where he is being held on a \$12,500 bond.

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