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Home Health Aide Arrested for Stealing from Senior

BUNNELL, Fla. — Flagler County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested a home health aide after she stole cash and a bank card from a senior under her care and used the debit card for hundreds of dollars of purchases.

On Dec. 31, 2025, deputies with the FCSO Problem Area Crime Enforcement and Fugitive Unit arrested Katie Swain, 32, of Pomona Park, following a month-long investigation into unauthorized purchases on a stolen debit card.



Katie Swain (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mug shot)

In early December, a senior resident living at a HarborChase of Palm Coast noticed several unauthorized transactions on his bank statement and that his wallet was missing cash along with his debit card. Through investigative means, detectives determined that Swain, a new hire at the facility, was a care provider for the victim on the day the cash and card went missing.

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After reviewing bank records, a pattern emerged where most of the fraudulent transactions were made in Putnam County, near where Swain resides. Store security camera video shows Swain using the victim's stolen bank card to make dozens of purchases. In total, Swain made \$664.02 of fraudulent transactions on the victim's bank card and stole \$30 in cash. Among other items, she purchased gas, snacks, and groceries and also made multiple online purchases with the victim's card.

"This woman abused her position of trust and authority as a home health aide for gas, donuts and trinkets," said Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staly. "She stole from a senior that trusted her and used his debit card as her own but luckily for her, there are plenty of snacks she can buy with her own money from the commissary at the Green Roof Inn.

FCSO reminds you to always verify any person or company you employ, especially to care for a senior or allow into your home. You can check with the Florida Department of Health at:

<https://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/index.html>

On Dec. 31, deputies arrested Swain for Fraudulent Use of Personal Identification Information and Grand Theft from a Person Over 65 Years of Age. She was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, where she was later released on a \$10,000.00 bond.

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