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Career Criminal on Inmate Release Arrested, Facing Charges Across 3 Jurisdictions after Fleeing Violent Domestic Incident

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff's Office, Florida Highway Patrol, and Seminole County Sheriff's Office have arrested a Sanford man on multiple charges after he recklessly fled through two counties following a violent domestic violence incident.

On March 15, around 10:10 a.m., deputies responded to the Circle K gas station on Palm Coast Parkway Southwest to investigate a domestic disturbance. Prior to deputies' arrival, an employee at the gas station called the Flagler County Emergency Communications Center to report that a woman with multiple cuts, bruises, and a black eye had walked into the store and requested they call 911 for her. According to the caller, the woman stated she was in fear for her life and proceeded to lock herself in the bathroom. The caller observed the suspect, later identified as Korarise Hill, sitting in a silver Chevrolet parked at a gas pump, and told dispatchers that he was still at the gas station.

A deputy arrived and approached Hill's vehicle. At the sight of the deputy, the vehicle fled from the scene, exiting the gas station through the wrong exit and fleeing eastbound onto Palm Coast Parkway Southwest. While fleeing, the vehicle ran a red light and drove in a reckless manner, reaching excessive speeds and swerving through traffic, at one point striking another vehicle and failing to stop.

As two deputies attempted to stop Hill, deputies at the gas station spoke to the victim, who was being treated by Flagler County Fire Rescue for her injuries. The victim told deputies that Hill had struck her repeatedly; pulled out a handgun, pointed it at her head and threatened to kill her, and struck her with it; and strangled her, causing her to lose consciousness.

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According to the victim, Hill ordered her to drive to Palm Coast from Sanford, while constantly striking her throughout the trip. Once in Palm Coast, they made multiple stops, first at a residence on Wilmart Place and then at Blaze N Flame Smoke Shop on Belle Terre Parkway. At each stop, the victim stated that Hill ordered her to stay in the vehicle and removed the key so she could not leave.

The victim said that after the second stop, Hill ordered her to drive back to Sanford. The victim then told Hill that she needed to purchase gas and went to the Circle K. While inside the store, the victim asked the employee to call 911.

On-duty patrol supervisors authorized a vehicle apprehension. Deputies pursued the vehicle as it entered Interstate 95 South. While on the interstate, the vehicle reached speeds of over 120 mph.

As the fleeing vehicle entered Volusia County, Florida Highway Patrol responded and took over as the primary apprehension unit, with FCSO deputies trailing as the second and third units. During the vehicle apprehension, the lead FHP vehicle utilized the Precision Immobilization Technique, commonly known as a PIT maneuver, multiple times on Hill's vehicle. After a successful maneuver, the vehicle stopped at Tomoka Farms Road and Pioneer Drive in New Smyrna Beach.



Korarise Hill (Volusia County Division of Corrections mug shot)

Deputies arrested Hill, 24, of Sanford, for domestic battery, false imprisonment, leaving the scene of a crash with property damage, and fleeing or attempting to elude law enforcement with disregard for the safety of persons or property. In addition to FCSO's charges, multiple charges were filed by FHP and the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, who responded to investigate the aggravated domestic violence that occurred within their jurisdiction.

Hill was transported to the Volusia County Branch Jail, where he is being held without bond.

Hill has an extensive criminal history and was currently on inmate release status. He served two years in state prison after being convicted in Volusia County in 2018 on charges of attempted first degree murder, attempted robbery with a firearm, and possession of a firearm by delinquent. Since 2015, he

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has 10 arrests across Flagler and Volusia counties for charges including aggravated assault, battery, burglary, grand theft, possession of marijuana, and robbery with a firearm.

“This dirtbag was already on Florida's inmate release status after serving just two years in state prison for attempted murder, and obviously he needs to go back to prison, but this time for a very long time,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “He displayed complete disregard for anyone around him when he dangerously tried to flee across two counties. His prior conviction and arrests for very serious charges demonstrate that he is violent and a clear danger to society. I commend the victim for getting away from him and seeking help, and I commend the employee for calling 911. He likely saved her life. We also thank our partners at FHP for their assistance in helping us apprehend him before he could hurt someone else.”

The victim was taken to AdventHealth Palm Coast Parkway to receive treatment for her injuries.

View [body camera and dash camera video](#) of the vehicle apprehension and arrest.

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