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Undercover Drug Investigation at Flagler County Jail Results in Three Inmates Arrested

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office has arrested three inmates on drug-related charges following a narcotics investigation at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, which began after deputies received information regarding the possible sale of narcotics by inmates within the jail.

On March 17, the FCSO Special Investigations Unit — with assistance from the Problem Area Crime Enforcement Team, Criminal Intelligence Unit, K-9 Unit, and detention deputies — conducted an undercover operation at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility that resulted in the arrest of inmates Joshua Siedel, 32, of Daytona Beach; Caleb Tucker, 30, of Bunnell; and Stephen Horton, 46, of Flagler Beach.



Joshua Siedel, Caleb Tucker, and Stephen Horton (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mug shots)

Through investigative means, detectives identified Siedel and Tucker as the main drug distributors within the facility. They also determined that Tucker had received payments from multiple inmates and facilitated multiple transactions with Siedel over several weeks, with many of these transactions

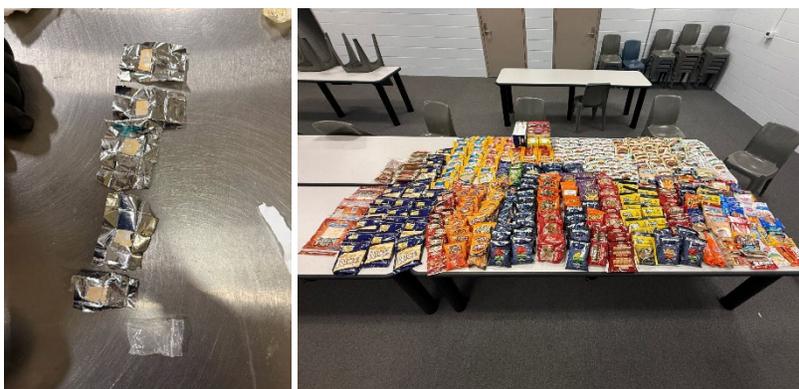
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occurring during inmate church services. During Tuesday evening's service, detention deputies intercepted a transaction during which Horton used coffee packets as a form of currency to purchase Suboxone from Siedel, who then handed the coffee packets to Tucker for concealment.

As part of the undercover operation, detention deputies also conducted cell searches throughout the facility and located Suboxone packaged for distribution inside Siedel's cell. Inside Tucker's cell, they located residue, which later tested positive for fentanyl.

Detectives determined the Suboxone was obtained through pharmaceutical diversion, in which an inmate, who is prescribed Suboxone through contracted jail medical services to help them break their addiction, illegally distributed Suboxone to other inmates within the jail in exchange for commissary items.



Suboxone and commissary items seized during undercover operation at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility.

“This guy thought he was the El Chapo of the Green Roof Inn, but luck ran out for him and his accomplices this St. Patrick’s Day,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “Now they’ll rack themselves up plenty of prison time, all for some cookies and chips. These dirtbags thought they could distribute drugs inside the Green Roof Inn. We don’t tolerate poison peddlers or illegal drugs in the community, and I sure as hell won’t tolerate it our jail.”

Siedel was originally arrested in September 2025 on charges of criminal mischief (\$200 and under), failure to appear, and four counts of violation of probation. He now faces additional charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, sale of a Schedule III controlled substance, and possession of Schedule III contraband by an inmate in a correctional institution.

Tucker was originally arrested in November 2025 on charges of second-degree burglary; possession of drug paraphernalia; tampering with evidence; and possession of fentanyl with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver. He now faces additional charges of possession of fentanyl and sale of a Schedule III controlled substance by an inmate in a correctional institution.

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Horton was originally arrested in September 2025 on charges of trafficking fentanyl (4 grams or more), two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, and possession of drug paraphernalia. As a result of this investigation, he now faces additional charges of tampering with evidence, possession of a controlled substance by an inmate in a correctional institution, and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

There is no evidence of employees or contractors violating the law or assisting in any illegal distribution of narcotics in the facility. The investigation is continuing.

All three inmates have lengthy criminal histories. Siedel has been arrested 14 times with charges including grand theft with a firearm, fleeing and eluding, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, dealing in stolen property, and written threats to kill. Tucker has been arrested 18 times with charges ranging from petit theft, battery, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, possession of heroin with intent to sell, possession of synthetic cannabinoids, and sale of methaqualone. Horton has been arrested 21 times with charges ranging from domestic battery, possession of marijuana, grand theft (more than \$100,000), fleeing and eluding, tampering with evidence, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, improper exhibition of a firearm, possession of methamphetamine, trafficking fentanyl, and possession of cocaine.

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