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**FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **CASE UPDATE: Palm Coast Pervert Convicted and Sentenced to Life in Prison for Sexually Abusing Child**

BUNNELL, Fla. — Kristopher Henriqson, who was arrested by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office in February 2025 following an investigation led by the FCSO Major Case Unit in which detectives determined he had sexually abused a juvenile family member, has been convicted and sentenced.

On April 15, a Flagler County jury found Henriqson, 48, of Palm Coast, guilty of two counts of sexual battery on a person less than 12 years of age, four counts of lewd or lascivious molestation on a person less than 12 years of age, three counts of sexual battery on a person 12 to 18 years of age by a person in familial or custodial authority, lewd or lascivious battery of a person 12 to 16 years of age, and lewd or lascivious molestation of a person 12 to 16 years of age.

Following the verdict, Circuit Judge Dawn Nichols sentenced Henriqson to multiple sentences of life in prison, plus 15 years. This means the only way he serves the 15 years is after he completes his multiple life sentences.

"I said back when he was arrested this dirtbag deserved the death penalty, and I still believe that would have been a fitting penalty based on the horrifying abuse he committed, the innocence he stole from a child and putting her through a trial," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "Still, this was a tremendous effort by everyone involved in investigating this case, and our partners at the State Attorney's Office, to ensure this pervert will never see a day outside of a prison cell again. I commend the jury for seeing through his antics and making decisions based on the overwhelming facts of the case. I also thank Judge Nichols for giving him the sentence he more than deserved and I commend this child for having

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the strength to come forward. May this perverted dirtbag rot in hell until he dies!”

Henriqson is currently being held at the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility awaiting transfer into Florida Department of Corrections custody.

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## **Palm Coast Man Arrested for Sexually Abusing Juvenile**

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office has arrested a Palm Coast man after an investigation determined that he had committed multiple sex offenses against a juvenile family member over the course of several years.

On February 11, an FCSO school resource deputy was contacted regarding an incident reported to a school guidance counselor. The victim revealed they were being abused by a family member, identified as Kristopher Henriqson, 47. The SRD notified the Major Case Unit, who immediately opened an investigation led by Detective First Class Adam Gossett. Detectives and victim advocates responded and made contact with the victim.

Upon speaking with the victim, detectives determined the Florida Department of Children and Families needed to be involved, and arrangements were made for an emergency forensic examination and interview with the First Coast Child Protection Team.

Detectives contacted the victim’s legal guardian, who agreed to assist with the investigation. Based on the victim’s courageous and detailed statement, evidence located by Major Case Unit detectives and members of the Crime Scene Investigation Unit, and various investigative techniques, DFC Gossett obtained an arrest warrant for Henriqson. In addition, detectives obtained a search warrant for his residence and a warrant for the collection of his DNA and fingernail clippings.

The Problem Area Crime Enforcement Unit was used to locate Henriqson, who had refused to provide his location. With assistance from the Real Time Crime Center, the Communications Center, and deputies in the Community Policing Division, PACE Unit detectives located Henriqson traveling southbound on Interstate 95, attempting to flee Flagler County.

Henriqson was arrested for Capital Sexual Battery, Sexual Battery by Familial or Custodial Authority, and Lewd or Lascivious Battery. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility,

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where he is being held without bond.



*Kristopher Henriqson (Flagler County Jail Mugshot)*

During the search warrant at Henriqson’s residence, Special Investigations Unit detectives discovered evidence suggesting the presence of a large quantity of narcotics. As a result, an additional search warrant was obtained, leading to the discovery of approximately 3.8 pounds of marijuana. Based on the results of the search warrant, Henriqson was also arrested for Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Sell, Manufacture, or Deliver; Possession of Hashish; and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

"I want to commend this young victim for the courage in coming forward and sharing their story with a trusted guidance counselor. The details of this case are beyond horrifying, and it took a lot of bravery for this child to report the abuse they endured for years taking this child’s innocence away so that we could hold this pervert accountable," said Sheriff Rick Staly.

"Our school resource deputies, detectives, victim advocates, RTCC analysts, and CSI team did what they are trained to do, working tirelessly together and leaving no stone unturned until we could put this sick and dangerous pervert behind bars — hopefully for good!" Sheriff Staly added. "Better yet, his crime qualifies for the death penalty, and I believe that is the only penalty he should get. I pray for our victim that she receives the support and therapy that she needs from these vicious crimes that were at the hand of this pervert she trusted as a child."

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