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NEWS RELEASE

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Update: Reporter of Armed Residential Burglary Arrested

Flagler Sheriff's detectives have arrested the reporter of this morning's alleged armed burglary. James Nicholas Soldo of 15B Bunker Knolls Lane was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance, possession of THC wax/oil, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Soldo, 37, is being held at the Flagler County Detention Facility on a \$2,500.00 bond.

The investigation into the alleged armed burglary revealed approximately 8.3 grams of cannabis inside the Bunker Knolls residence along with a scale, a metal grinder, glass smoking pipes, and a dark brown sticky wax-like substance, consistent with cannabis wax.

"This was a drug house that was robbed. If you deal in drugs then these are the kinds of things that can happen to you," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "If you stay out of the drug business then you're not likely to experience an armed home invasion. My concern is for the nearby residents as often they become the innocent victims when drug related armed burglaries go bad."



James Nicholas Soldo, DOB 12/22/1979

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Original News Release Below:

Schools Temporarily Locked Down After Armed Residential Burglary

Deputies responded to a reported residential burglary on Bunker Knolls Lane in Palm Coast Tuesday morning around 8:20 a.m. A resident reported an armed male forced entry into the home before exiting through the back door. It is unknown if anything was stolen at this time.

Deputies created a perimeter with K-9s on the ground and Flagler County Fire Flight Emergency Helicopter overhead to search for the armed suspect. Indian Trails Middle School was put on lockdown around 8:30 a.m. and Belle Terre Elementary School was guarded by deputies while buses unloaded and students were dropped off for school. Once students were all inside the building, Belle Terre Elementary School was on lockdown by 9:00 a.m. Palm Coast United Methodist Christian School and Sunshine Academy were also on lockdown.

After a thorough search, it was determined that the suspect was no longer in the area. The perimeter was broken down and school lockdowns were lifted around 9:43 a.m. Deputies continue to patrol the area.

The suspect is described as a black male, short hair, approximately 6 foot tall, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and armed with a firearm.

“Our first priority is keeping our residents and children safe. We initiated the lockdowns out of an abundance of caution,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “It is rare that a home invasion is random. In most cases, it is drug related and our detectives are following every lead we have to make an arrest in this case.”

If you have information on this case, please call the Sheriff’s Office at 386-313-4911 or call CrimeStoppers at 1-877-277-TIPS. You will remain anonymous and could be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.00.

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