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FCSO Arrests 4 Career Offenders at Target for Organized Retail Theft Scheme and Drugs

On December 22, 2021, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) responded to a call at Target about a possible shoplifting incident. Upon arrival, deputies were advised that the suspects may have also been part of previous shoplifting incidents based on video footage of the "getaway" vehicle. The suspects were all believed to be involved in an organized retail theft operation.



Left to Right: Teddy Cooper, David Bumgardner, John Firethunder, and Dominique Fuller.

Deputies were advised by Loss Prevention Officers about a male who attempted to steal appliances from the store. Loss Prevention Officers attempted to stop the male when they observed him get into a Honda Accord, believed to be the same vehicle matching the description in previous shoplifting incidents. Target Loss Prevention advised FCSCO they believed several of the vehicle's occupants were involved in several previous cases from the Palm Coast and Sanford Target stores.

Deputies made contact with the driver of the suspect vehicle, identified as Teddy Cooper (DOB: 8/17/1980), who agreed to speak with deputies and allow a search of the vehicle. During the search, a pipe, several small baggies with a brown powder substance, a white rock-like substance, and a white powdery substance were found. In total, deputies recovered 2.75g of Fentanyl, 3.09g cocaine, and .87g of heroin in the vehicle. Deputies also recovered a glass pipe with narcotic residue that tested positive for cocaine, which was found where Dominique Fuller (DOB: 8/1/1991) was sitting in the rear

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passenger seat.

Based on Target's internal investigation, surveillance showed the same individual, identified as David Bumgardner (DOB: 4/18/1960), committing retail theft on September 13th for \$377 and on December 17th for \$569 as the subject was seen exiting the store with items.

Utilizing investigative techniques, FCSO deputies were able to confirm that Bumgardner was the subject on September 13th and December 17th. On December 22nd, Bumgardner was also seen in video footage walking into the store, returning a box of Legos for \$53 without a receipt and receiving a gift card which is when law enforcement was contacted. One Target theft incident resulted in \$1,300 of Legos being stolen and the fraudulently returned item is believed to be part of that theft. Cooper's vehicle was positively identified in multiple retail theft incidents at Target stores in Central Florida as the "get-away" vehicle for Bumgardner, and was also used as the "get-away" vehicle when the \$1,300 of Legos were stolen. There was a total loss of \$1,257.94 for the three incidents at the Palm Coast Target.

Cooper is no stranger to law enforcement. He has 32 previous felony arrests for Grand Theft, Assault, Possession and Sale of Cocaine, Loitering and Prowling, Driving While License Suspended/Revoked, Prostitution, Weapons Offense (Deliver/Possess/Sell Altered Firearm), Possession of Marijuana, Principal Trafficking in Oxycodone, Grand Retail Theft, and Tampering with Evidence.

Bumgardner is a Registered Sex Offender. He's previously been arrested for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender by the Daytona Beach Police Department and Trespassing. Additionally, he's been arrested in Louisiana and California for Simple Burglary, Simple Arson, Criminal Mischief, Distribution of Quaaludes, Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, Providing False IS to Law Enforcement, Causing Fire of Property, Petit Theft, Burglary, Indecent Exposure, and Disorderly Conduct.

Firethunder is currently out of jail on bond from Seminole County for Retail Theft. He's been previously arrested for Fraud/Swindle, Loitering, Retail Theft, Possession of Cocaine, Destroying Evidence, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Trespassing, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Felony Petit Theft, Resist Officer without Violence, False Name Given to Law Enforcement Upon Arrest, Driving While License Suspended/Revoked. Additionally, he's been charged out of state for DUI, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Marijuana, Robbery with Dangerous Weapon, First Degree Arson, Larceny, Possession of Stolen Goods/Property, Assault, and Shoplifting.

Fuller has previously been arrested for Possession of Marijuana, Resisting Officer without Violence, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Battery, and Trespassing.

"These career offenders thought they could get away with stealing, but they actually just received some new accommodations for Christmas," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "With our partnership with Target Loss Prevention, I'm glad we were able to put an end to their holiday stealing spree. Hopefully they'll stay behind bars where they belong for the holidays. Seems they have all had plenty of chances to

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learn their lesson, but instead continued down the path of being a career criminals. This time they chose to break the law in the wrong County.”

All four suspects were arrested and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility.

Cooper was arrested for Possession of Fentanyl, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of Heroin, Dealing in Stolen Property, Organized Retail Theft, and Shoplifting. He’s being held on a \$25,500 bond.

Bumgardner was arrested for Dealing in Stolen Property and Resisting Officer without Violence. He’s being held on an \$8,000 bond.

Firethunder was arrested for Organized Retail Theft, Petit Theft 3rd Degree, and Resist Recovery of Stolen Property. He’s being held on a \$5,500 bond.

Fuller was arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and is being held on a \$1,000 bond.

This is the 8th call at Target for shoplifting and suspicious incidents in just one week that FCSO deputies have responded too.

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