



FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Investigative Report
Case#: 2024-00074132

Investigative Services Division, General Assignment Unit

Investigative Summary:

Offense: BOLO/Assist Other Agency/Grand Theft Auto
Location: Flagler County (from SJSO), 9 Royal Palm Lane
Date: Tuesday August 27, 2024
Victim: (resides in Rhode Island)
Suspect: Johnathan Costa, DOB: 9/13/2004

Narrative:

8-27-2024

On Tuesday August 27, 2024, there was a BOLO issued by FCSO Dispatch concerning a vehicle, a metallic blue Ferrari (SV), that SJSO was in pursuit of toward Flagler County. I went from office to road and headed toward SR100 and 95. When I heard the suspect was headed south on US Highway 1, Old Kings Road, and eventually SB on Belle Terre Parkway, I went to SR100/BTP and stopped east – west traffic to prevent any potential accident. Once I heard the vehicle was last seen SB on BTP in the area of Buddy Taylor, I set up on Royal Palm and Point Pleasant. When I learned it was thought the SV was likely in the W-Section, I began to canvass that area. It was also known the SV was taken in a home invasion, and the suspect/s were believed to be armed and dangerous. Deputy Malta forwarded me an email that identified two suspects, Johnathan Costa, DOB: 9/13/2004 and Logan Slezak, DOB: 1/24/2006.

Eventually, I learned one of the suspects phones was pinging in the W/R sections and then narrowed to the R-Section. SJSO Intel advised to check the address of 9 Royal Palm Lane, where a suspect had ties to a female. Someone advised it was believed the SV was in the backyard and partially covered with a tarp, and confirmed by Fire Flight. I went to the rear of this property and advised the occupant of 36 Royal Oak drive to remain inside. I then followed other deputies (including Sgt. Weaver) into the wooded lot of 38 Royal Oak Drive that backs to 9 Royal Palm Lane. The SV was backed to the woods, and the tag could be seen that confirmed it was in fact the SV. I set up in the woods with Sgt. Gamarra, Det. Moy and others as 3/side perimeter. I observed what appeared to be a long gun propped up against the wall by a rear door and alerted Dispatch. Eventually, two occupants of the home came outside, and SWAT personnel cleared the residence. As I was travelling back to FCSO Operations, Sgt. Hristakopoulos asked me if I could respond to the Pizzeria (La Nostra Pizza) near Staples to interview Quincy Silva, a person who is supposed to be residing at 9 Royal Palm Lane. When I arrived at LNP, Hristakopoulos informed me Quincy wasn't at the LNP and was somewhere near the home.

I responded back to the area of 9 Royal Palm Lane, where I met with Quincy Silva and took an audio recorded sworn statement. In summation, Quincy provided me the resident information with who he shares the residence including their phone numbers and whereabouts. As far as Johnathan Costa was concerned, Quincy said he hadn't spoken with him in about a year and showed me a text message he received from him 10:59am saying "I'll be there in an hour and forty minutes". Admittedly, this doesn't sound to me as though it was an initiating conversation with someone you haven't heard from in a year, but nonetheless we continued. Quincy said he immediately called Johnathan and told him he was at work and wouldn't be getting off until 4pm, but that he was welcome to go to his house where the backdoor would be open. For Silva's statement in full, the digital recording can be referred to where it has been submitted in this case.



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Sgt. Hristakopoulos then asked me to get in touch with "Alyssa" who was with Corporal Green and said she had a lot of information to provide. I returned to FCSO Ops, and called 401-572-2706 to speak with Alyssa DeCristforo, asking her for the information she might have regarding this case. Alyssa said she received a message from a friend group that had the FCSO persons of interest. She recognized Johnathan Costa, whom she has known since he was four years old. After first trying to call her husband, her nephew Hayden (who resides at 9 Royal Palm Lane), and Johnathan's father, all of whom didn't answer, she called Johnathan (401-575-7507) at 2:32pm. She asked Johnathan where he was and he was vague in his response (Florida). She told him the cops were looking for him and he told her he did nothing wrong and was lying down on a couch. Alyssa tried to encourage him to call the cops and get this straightened out. Again, the sworn digital recorded statement in full can be referred to where it has been submitted in this case.