

Investigative Report Case#: 2024-00074132

## Detective First Class Kathryn Gordon \*932- Investigative Services Division, Major Case Unit

#### Offense Information:

Offense: Fleeing or Attempting to Elude-High Speed/ Reckless

**F.S.S.:** 316.1935(3)

Offense: Grand Theft- Motor Vehicle

**F.S.S.:** 812.014(1) and (2)(c)

#### **Rhode Island Charges:**

• Entering Dwelling with Felonious Intent (Felony)

• Using a firearm when committing a crime of violence (Felony)

Conspiracy

## **Suspect(s) Information:**

Name: Johnathan Alan Costa

**Rhode Island Driver's License #: 4**0171150

**Date of Birth:** 9/13/2004 **Race/Sex:** White / Male

Address: 77 Stony Acre Drive; Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

**Phone Number:** 401-575-7507

## **Law Enforcement Involvement:**

Community Policing Division:					
Rank	Name	Axon Video yes/no?	Report Completed yes/no?		
Chief	Welker	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes ⊠ No □		
Commander	Woodward	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes □ No ⊠		
Commander	Gimbel	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes □ No ⊠		
Commander	Vedder	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes □ No ⊠		
Commander	Finn	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes □ No ⊠		
Commander	Emery	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes □ No ⊠		
Commander	Lutz	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes □ No ⊠		
Commander	Dopp	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes □ No ⊠		
Sergeant	Kandour	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes □ No ⊠		
Sergeant	Biss	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes □ No ⊠		
Sergeant	Cavas	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes □ No ⊠		
Sergeant	Gamarra	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes □ No ⊠		
Corporal	Bell	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes □ No ⊠		
Corporal	Meehan	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes □ No ⊠		
Corporal	Fuentes	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes □ No ⊠		
Corporal	Jurec	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes □ No ⊠		
Corporal	Rossi	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes □ No ⊠		
Corporal	Barkoskie	Yes □ No ⊠	Yes □ No ⊠		
Corporal	Mello	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes □ No ⊠		



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#### **Patrol Summary:**

**Deputy** 

Deputy J Dorsey's Case Report Narrative is as follows:

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"On 8/27/2024, I, Deputy J. Dorsey, was dispatched to the 296 Mile-Marker, on interstate 95, Palm Coast, Florida in reference to a Be On The Lookout (BOLO) for a stolen blue Ferrari. The call was received by the Flagler County Communications Center. The information was provided by the St. Johns Sheriff's Office and the Florida Highway Patrol.

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It was advised that a blue Ferrari bearing a Florida tag of "CCC1", was entering the county. The vehicle was reported possibly stolen and occupied by a suspect involved in an armed home invasion. It was further advised that the suspect is deemed to be armed and dangerous.

It was advised by St. Johns Deputies that the vehicle was observed driving extremely reckless around the 300 mile-marker. The vehicle was observed driving on the shoulder at a high rate of speed and negotiating through traffic. The vehicle conducted multiple evasive maneuvers by taking exits and changing directions in an attempt to evade law enforcement. While this was being reported, Flagler County Deputies positioned themselves in advantageous locations around the county, just In case the vehicle continued south into our jurisdiction. St. Johns deputies and Florida Highway Patrol lost sight of the vehicle south on USHWY 1 towards Flagler County.

Deputy Barlotta and I were positioned on interstate 95 at the 295 mile-marker.

Deputy Barrett was positioned at USHWY 1 and Old Kings Road.

Due to the last known location reported being USHWY 1 southbound, Deputy Barlotta and I left the interstate. We began to drive towards USHWY 1 on Matanzas Woods Pkwy. While driving towards, USHWY 1, Deputy Barrett advised that the blue Ferrari was observed southbound on Old Kings Road from USHWY 1. Deputy Barlotta and I, immediately turned around in an attempt to locate the vehicle.

Deputy Barlotta and I drove east on Matanzas Woods Parkway and then south on Old Kings Road. Due to the previous reports of how the vehicle was operating along with the reported criminal history on the suspected occupant, it was determined that the vehicle and its occupant's may present a danger to the public. I began to safely negotiate through traffic without my emergency equipment activated, in an attempt to stealthily locate the vehicle. Deputy Barlotta was following directly behind me. As I made my way past multiple vehicles, I observed a blue Ferrari bearing a Florida tag of "CCC1" at Old Kings Road and Fleetwood Drive. As the vehicle noticed my presence, it began to accelerate, drive into oncoming traffic, and forced multiple vehicles off the road. The driver was making a clear and obvious attempt to evade me. At this time, it was confirmed that the vehicle in fact presented a danger to public, and my lights and sirens were activated, and a pursuit was initiated. The pursuit was authorized by Chief Welker. The vehicle continued southbound at a high rate of speed while impeding the flow of traffic. My vehicle was traveling approximately 100 mph and the blue Ferrari was rapidly gaining distance as it accelerated. The vehicle turned westbound on Palm Coast Parkway and continued with the previously mentioned driving pattern. I continued to pursue the vehicle westbound on Palm Coast Parkway. The vehicle was observed running multiple red lights and driving on the curb to avoid detainment. The Blue Ferrari was observed entering an empty turn lane and driving through a redlight at the intersection of Boulder Rock Drive and Palm Coast Parkway. As I attempted to continue my pursuit, Sergeant Biss, Deputy Faircloth, and Deputy Lane pulled out after the vehicle in front of me at which time i slowed my speed down and lost sight of the vehicle in traffic. My speed was reduced, and the pursuit was turned over to them at that time.

Seargent Biss, Deputy Faircloth, and Deputy Lane continued with the pursuit until they lost sight on the vehicle shortly after. See their supplemental reports for further.

Let it be noted that while I was in pursuit of the vehicle, the relative safety of the public was maintained, no bystanders were harmed, and no crashes occurred. My patrol vehicle did strike a curb causing minor damage to driver side wheel. My vehicle was taken to Fleet and the rim was replaced and the vehicle was back operational prior to the end of shift.



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While I was at fleet, deputies continued to search the area for the vehicle. With the assistance of an exigent phone ping on the believed suspects and the Flagler County Real Time Crime Center, deputies were able to narrow down the search location to 9 Royal Palm Lane, Palm Coast, Florida. Deputies located the blue Ferrari in the backyard, covered by a tarp, and parked under trees, likely to obstruct the helicopters from spotting it. Deputies on scene setup a perimeter on the residence. See supplemental reports for further.

As I finished up at fleet, I responded to 9 Royal Palm Lane to assist in a SWAT element. After multiple announcements, utilizing a public address system equipped on a patrol vehicle, two subjects exited the residence and turned themselves over to law enforcement. Once the residence was believed to be unoccupied, deputies made entry to verify the scene was secured. Once the scene was secured a crime scene was established and the residence was turned over to Flagler County Major Case Unit.

The first subject located at the residence was identified as Jonas Gomez utilizing his Florida driver license. Jonas was compliant with law enforcement and denied involvement in the previous incident. Jonas was turned over to the Flagler County Major Case Unit.

The second subject located at the residence was identified as Johnathan Costa utilizing his social security number along with his identifying information. Johnathan was advised of his Miranda Rights by a deputy on scene and requested a lawyer. Johnathan was not questioned any further in reference to the incident. Johnathan did however make a statement via spontaneous utterance to Corporal Jurec in reference to his intent to later return the vehicle. See Corporal Jurec's supplemental for further.

Flagler County Communications Center advised that Johnathan possessed a suspended driver's license and had an active warrant out of Rhode Island for armed home invasion. See FCSO Case number 2024-00074198 for further.

Johnathan was placed under arrest in reference to his warrant and was transported to the Flagler County inmate Facility without incident.

The located Blue Ferrari bearing a Florida tag of "CCC1" (VIN: ZFF80AMA8J0236507) was reported stolen in reference to the above mentioned warrant for armed home invasion out of Cranston Rhode Island. Detective Palmer with Cranston Police Department was notified. The vehicle will be removed from FCIC/NCIC as stolen.

While speaking with Detective Palmer he advised that Logan Slezak, Johnathan's partner in the above mentioned home invasion, turned himself over to law enforcement just after the Flagler County Sheriff's Office captured Johnathan. It's believed that Johnathan notified Logan prior to submitting to law enforcement.

While at the Flagler County Inmate Facility, contact was made with Jonas's mother via a phone call. She advised that her son was uninvolved in the home invasion and vehicle theft. She advised that she knows Johnathan was involved in the home invasion and also advised that Johnathan has successfully fled from multiple agencies between Rhode Island and Florida.

See Flagler County Major Case Unit's supplemental report for further information into the investigation for the stolen vehicle and charges for flee and elude from law enforcement.

Axon body worn camera utilized and will be uploaded to evidence.com.

Nothing further to report at this time."



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Deputy Ferland's Supplemental Case Report Narrative is as follows:

"On Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at approximately 1433 hours, Deputy Ferland responded to 9 Royal Palm Lane, Palm Coast, Flagler County, in reference to a stolen vehicle recovered.

Upon arrival, Deputy Ferland helped secure the rear perimeter of the residence mentioned above. Deputy Ferland remained in position until the two (2) occupants were secured, and the residence was cleared at approximately 1602 hours. Deputy Ferland was released to continue patrol. Deputy Ferland returned to the residence at approximately 1730 hours to help with perimeter. Deputy Ferland started a crime scene log at approximately 1815 hours. Deputy Ferland stood by for safety while a search warrant was executed at the residence. Roger's towing arrived at the residence at approximately 2015. Deputy Ferland stood by until residence was cleared and broke down the crime scene at approximately 2115 hours

Deputy Ferland Utilized his Axon body worn camera, which will be uploaded to evidence.com

Nothing further to report at this time"

#### Deputy Barlotta's Supplemental Case Report Narrative is as follows:

"On August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at approximately 1210 hours, I, Deputy Barlotta, began responding to the area of Interstate 95 293-mile marker to assist St. Johns County Sheriff's Office with stolen vehicle that was actively fleeing from Deputies.

SJSO advised Flagler County Communications that they were behind a fleeing stolen vehicle that was fleeing southbound on Interstate 95 toward Flagler County. SJSO advised the suspects in vehicle were also possibly wanted for armed home invasion. SJSO lost visual of vehicle as it fled into Flagler County. Deput J. Dorsey and I located the subject vehicle traveling southbound on Old Kings Rd. Deputy J. Dorsey got behind the subject vehicle at the intersection of Fleetwood Dr. and Old Kings Rd. Upon getting behind the subject vehicle, the vehicle took off in a high rate of speed driving recklessly. Deputy J. Dorsey and I activated the emergency lights and sirens on our agency marked patrol vehicles to initiate a traffic stop. The vehicle continued to flee at a high rate of speed while driving in a reckless manner in between traffic. Pursuit of the vehicle was authorized by Sgt. Weaver. I was the second vehicle in the pursuit and provided the directional changes of vehicle to Flagler County Communications. Deputy J. Dorsey and I pursued vehicle as it turned west bound from Old Kings Rd onto Palm Coast Pkwy. The vehicle continued to travel west bound until turning left onto Belle Terre Pkwy and which point it began to travel southbound. I lost visual of vehicle as it traveled at high rate of speed south on Belle Terre Pkwy.

I assisted in holding a perimeter point at Royal Palm Ln and Royal Oak Dr once the subject vehicle was located at the residence of 9 Royal Palm Ln.

AXON Body 4 camera was utilized and will be uploaded to Evidence.com.

Nothing Further."

### Deputy Lane's Supplemental Case Report Narrative is as follows:

"On 08/27/2024 at approximately 12:00 hours, I, Deputy Lane responded to the area of US1 and Wellfield Grade, Palm Coast in reference to a BOLO.



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Flagler County Communications received a call from St. Johns Sheriff's Office (SJSO) in reference to a fleeing vehicle (blue in color Ferrari 2 door sports car bearing FL tag: CCC1) heading towards our county from Interstate 95. The vehicle's suspect had been involved in a burglary/armed robbery. This information was relayed to FCSO and units began setting up around the county to obtain a visual. I positioned myself at the intersection listed above to attempt to strategically set up my agency issued "stop sticks" which were approved for use by a supervisor. The vehicle was observed traveling southbound on US1 from 95, then southbound on Old Kings Road near Fleetwood Dr. I began to head to the area.

It was at this point a pursuit was authorized by a supervisor over the radio. As I approached the area of Palm Coast Pkwy and Belle Terre Pkwy, Commander Williams advised he observed the vehicle traveling south on Belle Terre Pkwy. This is when I observed the vehicle at a high rate of speed ignoring Commander Williams emergency lights and sirens on his unmarked patrol vehicle and fleeing at a high rate of speed southbound. I immediately got behind Commander Williams and we began to follow the fleeing vehicle (2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle in a pursuit).

Shortly after, we lost sight of the fleeing vehicle and were unable to locate it for approximately 1 hour. I held a perimeter point at Belle Terre Pkwy and Cypress Point Pkwy while vehicles continued to rov the area BOLOing for the vehicle involved. Through investigative means, a location was given to Deputies/air support who were able to locate the vehicle concealed in the backyard of 9 Royal Palm Lane. I responded to the area to assist with the perimeter on the residence at the 3/4 corner with my agency issued 40MM less lethal device. The subjects inside eventually exited the residence per the loud and clear instructions that were heard from the back being given by units in the front.

We then cleared the vehicle involved and I left shortly after the crime scene was being established. No further action was taken. All Deputies Axon body worn camera footage will be uploaded to Evidence.com."

#### Chief Welker's Supplemental Case Report Narrative is as follows:

"On 08/27/2024 at approximately 14:20 hours, I responded to 9 Royal Palm Lane. I drove to the residence from the lower numbers towards the higher numbers (west to east). As I approached #7, I observed tire tracks in the grass, leading from the driveway to the rear of #9 Royal Palm Lane. I observed a metallic blue vehicle parked in the rear of number 9, partially covered by tarp like objects.

I noted the color match the BOLO provide for the fleeing, forcible felony vehicle. I took up a point of observation from behind the residence to the west and observed the passenger side front vehicle tire and fender exposed. I further took a point of observation from the vacant lot behind #9 and observed the Florida tag matched that of the BOLO.

A perimeter was established, and I maintained command of the scene while deputies made efforts to communicate to the occupants of #9. All occupants eventually exited and were detained, including one of the identified forcible felons.

For details see case report and additional supplements."

#### Deputy Lohse's Supplemental Case Report Narrative is as follows:

"On 8/27/2024, I, Deputy Lohse, responded to a BOLO in reference to a blue Ferrari that was stolen out of Rhode Island being pursued into Flagler County by FHP and St. John's County.

While the BOLO was in process, I set up stop sticks in multiple different areas of the county. It was advised that I set up my stop sticks as a perimeter point on the corner of Royal Oak Drive and Royal Tern Lane, Palm Coast Fl,



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32164. The suspect, Johnathan Costa, was taken into custody out of the residence at 9 Royal Palm Lane, Palm Coast Florida, 32164.

The perimeter was broken down and I arrived at the residence. As I arrived on scene, I was requested by Sergeant Hristakopoulos to provide a witness, Jonas Gomez, a ride to the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Operations Center for interview. Upon completion of the interview with Detective Laverne, I provided Gomez with a ride back to his residence.

Once I was back at the residence, I assisted Detectives with the execution of the search warrant on the residence. Additionally, I escorted the stolen vehicle to the FCSO CSI garage where it was turned over to CSI personnel.

My Axon Body Worn Camera was activated, and the footage was uploaded to evidence.com.

No further report currently."

#### Deputy Erlandson's Supplemental Case Report Narrative is as follows:

"On Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 1450 hours I (Deputy Erlandson) responded to 9 Royal Palm Lane regarding a bolo. This case was about a home invasion robbery which occurred out of state in Cranston, Road Island. In the home invasion a purple in color 2018 Ferrari 488 Spyder was stolen and fled the state.

On today's date, the vehicle was identified in St. Johns County and subsequently fled into Flagler County. The vehicle again fled from Flagler County Deputies and was later located at the residence identified above. Upon arrival at the scene, I awaited direction at the intersection of Royal Oak Drive and Royal Palm Lane. As short time later a Hispanic male later identified as Jonas Abel Gomez exited the residence. The subject was then escorted over to the intersection where I was located. A quick interview was conducted of Gomez where he stated in substance that there was only one other subject in the residence and there was a BB Gun located in the rear sunroom of the residence. Further interview of Gomez by myself was conducted and where he stated he was home when he observed a purple vehicle pull into his backyard. A subject known to him from Rhode Island by the name of Johnathan entered the rear of the residence with a gray backpack and was acting nervous.

After Gomez exited the house, the subject identified later as Johnathan Costa exited as well. I then conducted a debrief with Costa to ascertain if anyone else was in the house for the safety of our Deputies. Coast stated that there was no other persons were in the house. I continued to point out that the conversation we were having was not about the incident that brought us to this location but officer safety. I continued to ask about persons and weapons in the house. Costa the spontaneously uttered "I was going to return the car". Because of Costa's utterance and the fact he was detained without the ability to leave, I read Costa his Miranda Warnings (Constitutionals Rights) to which he stated that he did not want to answer any questions. I then terminated the interview with Costa and did not speak with him again.

I spoke with Gomez and asked him if it was okay for us to clear the residence to look specifically for persons. He agreed to allow the Flagler County Sheriff's Office to search the residence for persons only. I then asked him again about what he had known about today's incident. Gomez again said that he did not know what hapopened but knew that Costa had been involved with something. Gomez denied knowing what it was and that he was involved in any way.

After the residence was cleared and units were clearing the scene I asked if we had anything to hold Gomez, to which I was told no. I then walked down to residence where the Chiefs and Command was located. Commander



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Emery said to release Gomez. As I got back to the vehicle where Gomez was located I double checked with Corporal Green about the location of Gomez property, specifically his phone and that we were going to release him. At this point Corporal Green identified a photograph that was given out by the Real Time Crime Center, where Gomez had been with Costa in the purple Ferrari prior to fleeing from St Johns County Deputies. After viewing the image, I identified Gomez as the same in the photograph. I then retrieved Gomez phone and contacted Deputy Moy. I then told Gomez that because other information was obtained, he would be transported to Investigations to be interview.

Commander Emery asked me to speak with a subject who was located outside the exterior perimeter on Royal Tern Lane and Royal Oak Drive. The subject identified himself as Jordan Jenrette dob: 9/2/2002. Jenrette identified himself as a cousin of Johnathan Costa and said he had not spoken to him in a year. He said that Costa had been getting into trouble and his parents may have thrown him out of the house. Jenrette said that Costa was homosexual and had some contact with someone who owned a Lamborghini in Connecticut. This information was not verified; However, I was not aware that there was an actual connect to Connecticut at the time of the interview.

After clearing the scene I immediately took the cell phone and turned it over to Deputy Moy with a completed evidence receipt. I then briefed Detective Lavern on Gomez and the information he provided. Costa interviews were captured on Corporal Jurec's AXON and Deputy Wolfe's rear car camera.

Gomez Interviews were captured on Corporal Green's on board camera.

Nothing Further... 339"

#### Corporal Jurec's Supplemental Case Report Narrative is as follows:

"On Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> I, Corporal Jurec responded to the area of Matanzas Woods Pkwy and US HWY 1 in reference to a bolo from St. Johns County Sheriff's Department for a stolen vehicle. Upon my arrival I positioned myself and my vehicle and deployed stop stick in the area.

Upon Deputy J. Dorsey advising over the primary radio channel that he had located the suspect vehicle a blue in color 2018 Ferrari 488 Spyder. The vehicle was located at Old Kings Rd. and Fleetwood Dr., and it fled from Deputy J, Dorsey and Deputy Barlotta. A pursuit was authorized by Chief Welker at that time over the primary radio channel. At that time, I relocated to Whiteview Pkwy and US HWY 1 and re-deployed stop sticks at that area.

Upon Deputies locating the vehicle I responded to the scene and assisted with securing Johnathan Costa in the back of Deputy Wolfe's marked patrol vehicle. I then assisted Deputy Erlandson when he was speaking with Costa inside the patrol vehicle and overheard Costa make a spontaneous utterance that he intended to return the vehicle. At that time Deputy Erlandson read Costa his Miranda rights at which time Costa advised he did not wish to speak to deputies any further.

Taser axon footage was uploaded into Evidence.com

No further action was take"

#### Chief Williams's Supplemental Case Report Narrative is as follows:

"On 8/27/2024 FCSO units were dispatched to the 296 Mile-Marker on interstate 95 Palm Coast, Florida in reference to a Be On The Lookout (BOLO) for a stolen blue Ferrari. The call was received by the Flagler County Communications Center. The information was provided by the St. Johns Sheriff's Office and the Florida Highway Patrol.



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Dispatch advised that a blue Ferrari bearing a Florida tag of "CCC1", was entering Flagler county. The vehicle was reported possibly stolen and occupied by a suspect involved in an armed home invasion. It was further advised that the suspect was deemed to be armed and dangerous.

St. Johns County SO Deputies advised that the vehicle was observed driving extremely reckless around the 300 mile-marker. The vehicle was observed driving on the shoulder at a high rate of speed and negotiating through traffic. The vehicle conducted multiple evasive maneuvers by taking exits and changing directions in an attempt to evade law enforcement. While this was being reported, Flagler County Deputies positioned themselves in advantageous locations around the county, just In case the vehicle continued south into our jurisdiction. St. Johns deputies and Florida Highway Patrol lost sight of the vehicle south on USHWY 1 towards Flagler County. Due to the last known location reported being USHWY 1 southbound, Deputy Barlotta and Deputy J. Dorsey began to drive towards USHWY 1 on Matanzas Woods Pkwy. While driving towards USHWY 1 Deputy Barrett advised that the blue Ferrari was observed southbound on Old Kings Road from USHWY 1. Flagler SO units continued to attempt to apprehend the vehicle as it drove south on Old Kings Road to Palm Coast Pkwy, where the Ferrari then turned right and headed west on Palm Coast Pkwy. I was at Palm Coast Pkwy SW and Pine Lakes Pkwy when this location was given so I started towards Belle Terre and Palm Coast Pkwy with intentions of stopping traffic on Palm Coast Pkwy NW to try to end the pursuit.

As I reached Belle Terre Pkwy and Palm Coast Pkwy NW, the Ferrari also reached the intersection and turned left to travel south on Belle Terre Pkwy. I was not able to stop traffic in time so I made a U-turn and attempted to conduct a stop on the Ferrari. The Ferrari continued south on Belle Terre Pkwy at a very high rate of speed, blowing through the intersection of Belle Terre Pkwy and Palm Coast Pkwy SW, then through Cypress Point Pkwy and then through Pine Lakes Pkwy south. At this point the Ferrari was well ahead of me, though I still had visual on it, and marked FCSO vehicles were now directly behind me, so I yielded to them to allow marked units to take the primary and secondary positions in the pursuit and then I continued behind them.

All units lost sight of the Ferrari between Pritchard Dr and Whiteview Pkwy along Belle Terre Pkwy and at this time we all established perimeter points and started searching within the last know location for the Ferrari. I searched the W section from Whippoorwill Dr and the back streets therein to Pine Lakes Pkwy and Palm Coast Pkwy with negative results. We also had air support and other technology searching for the vehicle.

Through investigative means, an address of 9 Royal Palm Lane was broadcast as a possible location for the suspect. I, along with Chief Welker and Sergeant Weaver, all in unmarked vehicles, drove to that location to search the area. We then observed a vehicle in the rear yard of 9 Royal Palm Lane, under a cover but exhibiting the unmistakable silhouette of a sports car. Additionally, tire tracks were observed crossing the front yard of 7 Royal Palm Lane and leading into the rear yard of 9 Royal Palm Lane, right up to the vehicle under the cover. We called out the find and air support confirmed a high heat signature coming from the vehicle.

We established a perimeter around this residence and CNT began to make announcements via PA for the residents to exit. Eventually both occupants of the house exited without incident and SWAT cleared the residence and confirmed there was no one else inside. One of the two secured from the residence was one of the wanted suspects and the operator of the Ferrari. Additionally, the vehicle under the cover was confirmed to be the stolen blue Ferrari that we were attempting to apprehend.

This concluded my involvement with this call."



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Deputy Faircloth's Supplemental Case Report Narrative is as follows:

"On Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at approximately 12:01 PM, I, Master Deputy Faircloth was located at Cypress Edge Drive and Cypress Point Parkway, when I overheard the Flagler County Communications Division advise that there was a possible stolen vehicle entering Flagler County. The stolen vehicle was described as a blue in color Ferrari.

At approximately 12:26 PM, I heard the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Real Time Crime Center advise that the Ferrari had possibly turned South on Old Kings Road from Matanzas Woods Parkway. At approximately 12:29 PM I heard Deputy J. Dosey advise that he observed the Ferrari traveling South on Old Kings Road from the area of Fleetwood Drive and that the Ferrari was driving in a reckless manner. At approximately 12:30 I overheard that pursuit of the Ferrari was authorized and that the Ferrari had turned West on Palm Coast Parkway Northeast.

At that time, I responded to Cypress Point Parkway and Palm Coast Parkway Northwest in an effort to get ahead of the Ferrari. As I arrived at this intersection, I observed the Ferrari continue West on Palm Coast Parkway Northwest through the intersection at a high rate of speed. I then pulled in behind the vehicle with several other patrol vehicles in an effort to pursue the vehicle. As the Ferrari approached the intersection of Palm Coast Parkway Northwest and Belle Terre Parkway, I observed the Ferrari turn left/South onto Belle Terre Parkway, where I lost sight of the Ferrari. I followed two other patrol vehicles South on Belle Terre Parkway until one pulled off at Parkview Drive North and the other at Parkview Drive South. At that time, I continued South on Belle Terre Parkway until I reached Royal Palms Parkway, where there were several deputies waiting with stop sticks, who advised the vehicle did not reach this intersection.

A few moments later I heard the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Real Time Crime Center advise that the Ferrari had possibly not passed White View Parkway and that it had possibly turned West on Whippoorwill Drive. I immediately responded to the area of Whippoorwill Drive and began searching the immediate area. After an extensive search of this area and not locating the Ferrari, I began checking the Pritchard Drive area. At approximately 1:30 PM, I was temporarily dispatched to the area of Buddy Taylor Middle School for traffic control, while the school zone was active for safety.

Once the school zone was complete, I returned to the area to continue looking for the Ferrari. At 2:17, I overheard Flagler County Sheriff's Office Real Time Crime Center advise that a ping had been received in the area of 37 Rockefeller Drive. At that time, I responded to the intersection of Rolling Sands Drive and Ravenwood Drive, in an effort to block an exit to the area. At approximately 2:25 PM, I overheard Flagler County Sheriff's Office Real Time Crime Center advise that a possible address for the suspect was 9 Royal Palm Lane. At approximately 2:29 PM, I overheard Chief Williams advise that the vehicle was on scene at 9 Royal Palm Lane. At that time, I immediately responded to the East intersection of Royal Palm Lane and Royal Oak Drive, closed off the roadway, and held a perimeter point at that location until the suspect was secured and the order to clear was given. At approximately 4:24 PM, I cleared the scene and returned to my regular traffic patrol duties.

The Taser Axon video of this incident will be uploaded to www.evidence.com.

Nothing further."

## Sergeant Biss' Supplemental Case Report Narrative is as follows:

"On Tuesday 08/27/24 FCSO dispatch broadcast a BOLO from SJSO concerning their pursuit of a stolen blue Ferrari involved in an armed home invasion. FCSO units located the Ferrari and broadcast that the Ferrari was westbound on Palm Coast Pkwy. I was at Cypress Point Pkwy/Palm Coast Pkwy and activated my emergency



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lights and siren in an attempt to intercept the Ferrari. I observed the Ferrari at excessive speeds continue past my location ignoring my lights and siren indication to stop. The Ferrari then proceeded west to Belle Terre at about 70-80 mph in the 45 mph zone and turned south. Chief Williams was at the intersection and attempted to fall in behind the Ferrari. I was behind Chief Williams and observed the Ferrari moving in and around traffic south bound on Belle Terre visually estimated exceeding 100 mph. Upon my reaching the north Parkview I no longer had a visual of the Ferrari ahead of me as it was too far ahead showing a complete disregard for other motorists on Belle Terre.

I continued to BOLO the area until it was broadcast the Ferrari was found in a residential back yard. I did not go to that location due to working a crash.

Axon video available showing the Ferrari passing by the front of my vehicle at Palm Coast Pkwy/Cypress Point Pkwy.

Nothing further at this time.

End report."

**Investigative Services Division:** 

Rank	Name	Report Completed yes/no?
Chief	Williams	Yes ⊠ No □
Sergeant	Hristakopoulos	Yes ⊠ No □
Sergeant	Weaver	Yes □ No ⊠
Corporal	Santoianni	Yes □ No ⊠
<b>Master Detective</b>	Laverne	Yes □ No ⊠
Master Detective	Malta	Yes □ No ⊠
<b>Detective First Class</b>	Gordon	Yes ⊠ No □
<b>Detective First Class</b>	Taylor	Yes □ No ⊠
<b>Detective First Class</b>	O'Barr	Yes □ No ⊠
<b>Detective First Class</b>	Moy	Yes □ No ⊠
<b>Detective First Class</b>	Costello	Yes ⊠ No □
<b>Detective First Class</b>	Broomfield	Yes □ No ⊠
<b>Detective First Class</b>	Denker	Yes □ No ⊠

Outside Law Enforcement Involvement:						
Agency	Title/Rank & Name	Contact Information	Report Completed			
<b>Bunnell Police Department</b>	Chief Brannon	-	Yes □ No ⊠			
<b>Bunnell Police Department</b>	Lieutenant Groth	-	Yes □ No ⊠			
<b>Bunnell Police Department</b>	Sergeant Ogden	-	Yes □ No ⊠			
<b>Bunnell Police Department</b>	Officer Houser	-	Yes □ No ⊠			
Cranston Police Department (RI)	Captain Mcatter	vmcateer@cranstonpoliceri.com (O) 401-477-5127 (M) 401-413-6373	Yes □ No □			
Cranston Police Department (RI)	Detective Nelson	401-226-1510	Yes ⊠ No □			
Flagler Beach Police Department	Officer Jones	-	Yes □ No ⊠			



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Flagler Beach Police Department	Officer Yelvington	-	Yes □ No ⊠
St. John's County Sheriff's Office	Lieutenant Emert	semert@sjso.org	Yes □ No ⊠
St. John's County Sheriff's Office	Deputy Evans	tevans@sjso.org	Yes □ No ⊠
St. John's County Sheriff's Office	Deputy Myers	-	Yes □ No ⊠

Items of	Evidence:					
Item #	Description	Date Collected	Collected By	FDLE	DFU	Other Lab
932.1	Grey, gold, and clear bong with burnt residue	08/27/2024	Detective K Gordon			
932.2	Multi-colored bong with burnt residue	08/27/2024	Detective K Gordon			
932.3	Bong with bird with burnt residue	08/27/2024	Detective K Gordon			
932.4	"Lotus glass" bong with burnt residue	08/27/2024	Detective K Gordon			
932.5	Dark green bong with burnt residue	08/27/2024	Detective K Gordon			
932.6	Green leafy substances and misc. paraphernalia	08/27/2024	Detective K Gordon			
1095.1	Sig Saucer 1911 firearm with magazine and holster (Serial Number: 20H26590)	08/27/2024	CSI Massa			
1095.2	Black "Crosman" Legacy 1000	08/27/2024	CSI Massa			
1095.3	Swab exterior passenger door handle	08/27/2024	CSI Massa			
1095.4	Swab exterior driver's door handle	08/27/2024	CSI Massa			
1095.5	Red Ferrari Vehicle Cover	08/27/2024	CSI Massa			
1095.6	Black iPhone	08/27/2024	CSI Massa			
1095.7	Swab of interior passenger side door handle	10/18/2024	CSI Massa			
1095.8	Swab of glove compartment handle	10/18/2024	CSI Massa			
1095.9	Swab of interior driver side door handle	10/18/2024	CSI Massa			
1095.10	Swab of shifter	10/18/2024	CSI Massa			
1095.11	Swab of steering wheel	10/18/2024	CSI Massa			
1095.12	Swab of sun visor mirror on passenger side	10/18/2024	CSI Massa			

Type	Specifics	Associated	Date	Completed By	Inventory /
		Name			Return
Residential	Residential Search Warrant for 9 Royal Palm Lane; Palm Coast, Florida 32164.	Johnathan Costa and others	08/27/2024	Detective K Gordon	Yes ⊠ No □
Cell Phone	Black iPhone bearing phone number 401-575-7507 belonging to Johnathan Costa (09/13/2004)	Johnathan Costa	09/17/2024	Detective K Gordon	Yes ⊠ No □

	Digital Forensic Analyses:				
Ī	Evidence   Device / Application   Completed By   Report		Report	<b>Evidence Copy</b>	
۱	Item #				
	1095.6	Black iPhone	Corporal M Moy	Yes ⊠ No □	Yes ⊠ No □



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**Investigative Summary:** 

## August 27, 2024

## St John's County Sheriff's Office Actions

The St. John's County Sheriff's Office (SJSO) was alerted to a License Plate Reader (LPR) hit of a 2018 blue Ferrari bearing Florida tag CCC1 that was stolen out of Rhode Island. At approximately 1154 hours. SJSO deputies responded to the area of 100 Gateway Circle (Circle K) in Jacksonville, Florida and observed the vehicle at approximately 1157 hours. SJSO deputies advised that vehicle was observed driving extremely reckless around the 300 mile-marker. The vehicle drove on the shoulder at a high rate of speed and negotiating through traffic. The vehicle conducted multiple evasive maneuvers by taking exits and changing directions in an attempt to evade law enforcement. The vehicle ultimately entered Flagler County.

It should be noted that Deputy Evans of SJSO responded to the Circle K at 100 Gateway Circle in Jacksonville and spoke with employees. Deputy Evans obtained still photographs of the suspect who exits the vehicle, entered the store, purchased \$20.00 worth of gas and a bottled water, pumps gas, and re-enters the vehicle as the driver and sole occupant. The suspect paid for the items with a debit card ending in 5862. In the surveillance footage, the male appears to be a skinny white male wearing a white or light-colored shirt, a necklace, and dark in color pants. The male has short, dark hair and dark facial hair on his chin.

\*\*\*Please refer to reports for further information\*\*\*

## Patrol Response of Flagler County Sheriff's Office

Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies were notified of a be-on-the-lookout (BOLO) for the vehicle that was stolen out of Rhode Island. The following information was obtained from the Cranson Police Department in Rhode Island:

- On 08/24/2024, the Cranson Police Department responded to an armed home invasion call for service. Through the investigation, it was discovered that the victims were held at gunpoint by Johnathan Costa and Logan Slezak. Both Costa and Slezak had active warrants for the following charges out of Rhode Island due to the crime: breaking and entering with felony intent, using a firearm while committing a crime of violence, and conspiracy. It was known that Costa and Slezak took the 2018 blue Ferrari bearing Florida tag CCC1 during the home invasion and it was entered as stolen in NCIC.

Multiple FCSO deputies, responded to BOLO for the vehicle in Flagler County.

Deputy Barlotta and Deputy J. Dorsey, both of whom drive marked agency patrol vehicles, drove south on Old Kings Road. Deputy Dorsey observed a blue Ferrari bearing a Florida tag CCC1 at Old Kings Road and Fleetwood Drive. As the vehicle noticed Deputy Dorsey's presence, it began to accelerate, drive into oncoming traffic, and force multiple vehicles off the road. The driver was making a clear and obvious attempt to evade me. At this time, it was confirmed that the vehicle in fact presented a danger to public, and Deputy Dorsey activated his lights and sirens, and a pursuit was initiated. The vehicle continued southbound at a high rate of speed while impeding the flow of traffic. Deputy Dorsey was travelling approximately 120 miles per hour (mph) and the vehicle was able to gain distance between them due to its speed. The vehicle turned westbound on Palm Coast Parkway and continued with the previously mentioned driving pattern. Deputy Dorsey continued to pursue the vehicle westbound on Palm Coast Parkway. The vehicle was observed running multiple red lights and driving on the curb to avoid detainment. The vehicle entered an empty turn lane and driving through a redlight at Boulder Rock Drive and Palm Coast Parkway. The vehicle continued to flee from FCSO deputies in marked agency vehicles with their lights and sirens activated west bound on Palm Coast Parkway. The vehicle, then, turned southbound on Belle Terre Parkway from Palm Coast Parkway. Due to the high rate of speed of the suspect vehicle, visual was lost. Deputies continued to BOLO for the suspect vehicle.

\*\*\*Please refer to Axon Body Camera Footage and reports for further information \*\*\*



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## **Camera Footage of Suspect Vehicle**

The suspect vehicle was observed on multiple traffic cameras and patrol dash cameras. It should be noted that the roadways were busy as it was around lunchtime in Palm Coast. In the traffic camera footage, the driver of the vehicle is wearing a white / light-colored shirt. Furthermore, in traffic camera footage and/or patrol dash camera footage the vehicle is observed driving at a high rate of speed, passing vehicles in the emergency lane, running red lights, almost causing collisions, weaving in between vehicles, and more. The vehicle was being operated in an extremely reckless manner.

\*\*\*Please refer to footage for further information \*\*\*

## Suspect Vehicle Located at 9 Royal Palm Lane

Through investigative means, it was discovered that Johnathan Costa is associated with Hayden Duquette-Desristofor, a resident of 9 Royal Palm Lane in Palm Coast. A be-on-the-lookout (BOLO) was conducted in the area. At 1429 hours, FCSO deputies located a blue vehicle covered by a red tarp in the yard of 9 Royal Palm Lane. The vehicle was confirmed to be the blue 2018 Ferrari 488 Spyder, bearing Florida Tag CCC1.

A perimeter was set around the residence and announcements were made. After utilizing the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT), Johnathan Costa exited the residence and was taken into custody.

\*\*\*Please refer to Axon Body Camera Footage and reports for further information\*\*\*

### **Arrest of Johnathan Costa**

While in custody, Costa was asked safety questions about any additional individuals in the residence of 9 Royal Palm Lane, to include Logan Slezak. At this time, Costa advised that Logan was in Rhode Island. Costa spontaneously uttered to Deputy Erlandson, "I came here", "I was going to return that car to his other house", "I know that doesn't matter to, it doesn't matter at all but". Due to these spontaneous statements, Deputy Erlandson read Costa his Miranda Rights. Costa invoked his Miranda Rights, and no questioning was attempted. Costa was arrested as a Fugitive of Justice for the following charges out of Rhode Island: breaking and entering with felony intent, using a firearm while committing a crime of violence, and conspiracy.

\*\*\*Please refer to Axon Body Camera Footage and reports for further information\*\*\*

## Search Warrant for 9 Royal Palm Lane Obtained and Executed

A search warrant for 9 Royal Palm Lane was obtained. Said search warrant was signed by Honorable Judge Perkins.

Multiple FCSO Detectives along with CSI Massa and CSI MacLellan executed the search warrant at the residence of 9 Royal Palm Lane. The following items were collected during the execution of the search warrant:

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It should be noted that, I, Detective Gordon, utilized my agency issued cell phone to call Costa's cell phone number. Costa's cell phone, item 1095.6, was collected. Items 932.1 through 932.6 were all taken for destruction.

\*\*\*Please refer to evidence sheets and CSI report(s) for further information\*\*\*

#### **Interviews Conducted**

Master Detective LaVerne and Detective Costello both conducted interviews with individuals related to the incident.

\*\*\*Please refer to audio files and reports for further information\*\*\*

## **September 17, 2024**

## Cell Phone Search Warrant Obtained

A search warrant was obtained for Johnathan Costa's cell phone. Said search warrant was signed by Honorable Judge France.

## October 18, 2024

## **Search of Vehicle**

CSI Massa and I, Detective Gordon, conducted a search of the Ferrari. CSI Massa took photograph and multiple swabs from the interior of the vehicle.

\*\*\*Please refer to photographs and CSI report(s) for further information\*\*\*

# October 18, 2024

## **Search of Vehicle**

CSI Massa and I, Detective Gordon, conducted a search of the Ferrari. CSI Massa took photograph and multiple swabs from the interior of the vehicle. It should be noted that we were unable to access the truck of the vehicle as we did not have the key.

\*\*\*Please refer to photographs and CSI report(s) for further information \*\*\*

## October 23, 2024

## **Review of Cell Phone Download**

A review of Costa's cell phone download was conducted.

\*\*\*Please refer to cell phone download for further information \*\*\*

#### **Contact with Detective Nelson of the Cranston Police Department**

Contact was made with Detective Nelson to provide all updates mentioned above. Detective Nelson advised that no additional assistance is needed at this time.



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## **Conclusion:**

Johnathan Costa was arrested for fleeing from law enforcement officers in Flagler County in a stolen Ferrari. This Ferrari was linked to a home invasion robbery from Rhode Island. Assistance was provided to the Cranston Police Department (Rhode Island) for their home invasion robbery investigation. As of October 23, 2024, Detective Nelson of CPD advised that no other assistance was needed.

## **Case Status and Disposition:**

**Status: Closed** 

**Disposition: Arrest**