

FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Investigative Report Case#: 24-74132

Sergeant Hristakopoulos, Investigative Services Division, Major Case Unit

On 8/27/2024 at approximately 2:15 PM I, Sergeant Hristakopoulos was notified of a suspected armed carjacking suspect inside a residence located at 9 Royal Palm Lane. At this time, I responded to the Real Time Crime Center and received a quick case briefing from Detective Denker. I was advised that several days ago, Johnathan Costa and Logan Slezak were responsible for an armed home invasion robbery in Rhode Island. During the robbery, a blue Ferarri was stolen. The Ferrari in question was believed to be in the rear of 9 Royal Palm Lane, and the suspects were believed to be inside the residence. I contacted Detective First Class Gordon and requested that she contact Detective Costello, and begin working on a search warrant for the property.

At approximately 2:59 PM, I responded to the area of 21 Royal Oak Lane, where I made contact with Commander Ryan Emery. Commander Emery advised that the Crisis Negotiation Team was attempting to have the occupants of 9 Royal Turn Lane exit the residence. Commander Emery advised that the suspects were believed to be inside the residence. The vehicle in question was located in the backyard of the residence in question.

Information was received at this time, indicating that Logan Slezak's phone was pinging in the Palm Coast area.

A short while later, two subjects exited the residence. One of those subjects was identified as Johnathan Costa, and the other subject was identified as Jonas Gomez. Each subject was placed into the rear of a marked patrol vehicle near 21 Royal Oak Lane.

I was contacted by Deputy Artie Erlandson, who stated that he had just spoken to Johnathan Costa, and Costa had invoked his right to remain silent. Deputy Erlandson also advised that Costa spontaneously stated that he was going to return the vehicle.

I asked Johnathan Costa where Logan Slezak was, and he advised me that he was in Rhode Island. Johnathan Costa stated that Logan never came to Florida with him, and that Logan's cellular phone was not in Florida either. This At this time, I relayed this information to Commander Emery.

At approximately this time I coordinated for Detective Costello to interview Quincy Silva, and I spoke with Jonas Gomez. I advised Jonas Gomez that we were executing a residential search warrant at his house and that it would be a few hours before he could go in. I asked him if he would be willing to go to the Sheriff's Office and speak with detectives and he advised he would. At this point, I coordinated for Master Detective LaVerne to interview Jonas at the Sheriff's Office.

I coordinated for all the detectives and CSI to execute the residential search warrant, and I oversaw the execution of the warrant. I also relayed information from Master Detective LaVerne and Detective Costello to Detective First Class Gordon.

At the request of the Chief of Staff and Commander Lutz, I reviewed news releases and provided some photographs to the Public Information Office.

On 8/28/2024 at approximately 10:00 AM, I met with involved FCSO CPD, ISD, and HSS and organized the information so that Detective First Class Gordon could complete a charging affidavit for local charges on Johnathan Costa. Charges were reviewed by me and by ASA Jason Lewis, and were dropped off at the Flagler County Inmate Facility.

There is nothing further to report at this time.