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**Detention Deputy Arrested for Grand Theft**

Seminole Co. Fla., (November 9, 2023) – The Seminole County Sheriff's Office today obtained an arrest warrant charging Steve Bostick, a Detention Deputy employed by the agency and assigned to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility, on felony charges of Grand Theft.

The Sheriff's Office initiated a criminal and administrative investigation on Tuesday, November 7, after an inmate indicated money was missing from his property. The preliminary investigation has revealed the inmate had \$1,002 cash in a bag when arrested, and it was discovered Bostick took approximately \$815 of the money from the inmate's property bag.

Bostick was placed on Administrative Suspension on November 7. Bostick turned himself into the Flagler County Jail this evening and was charged with Grand Theft. Additionally, Bostick, who has been employed with the agency since January 2014, has been served a Notice of Proposed Discipline initiating the termination of his employment from the Seminole County Sheriff's Office.

In regards to the investigation and arrest, Sheriff Dennis Lemma said: "According to the allegations, Bostick used his position to victimize a resident entrusted to his care. Although this matter remains pending in the criminal court, the evidence of his guilt is compelling, and his behavior reflects poorly on our organization, brings discredit not only to him but also to his fellow employees, and undermines the public trust in law enforcement."

The criminal and administrative investigations are open and ongoing.

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