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### **Wanted FBI Fugitive Daniel Heath Willis Captured in Columbia County, Florida**

*Gainesville, FL* – FBI Jacksonville Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Rachel L. Rojas announces the capture of Wanted FBI fugitive Daniel Health Willis, 26, of Alachua, Florida. Willis was identified by a Columbia County Sheriff's Office deputy during a traffic stop near the intersection of Interstate 75 and U.S. Highway 441 at approximately 2:15 am on Wednesday, June 3. His arrest came less than one week after FBI Jacksonville announced him as a potentially dangerous Wanted fugitive.

Willis, wanted for his alleged involvement with narcotics trafficking in central Florida, was the final subject sought by the FBI as part of an extensive investigation. On May 19, 2020 a federal arrest warrant was issued for Willis in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, after he was charged with conspiracy to distribute marijuana, cocaine, alprazolam, and over 50 grams of a mixture containing methamphetamine, unlawful use of a communication facility, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug-trafficking offense

On May 28, 2020, the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida announced the arrest of four other defendants following an extensive investigation by the FBI Jacksonville Violent Gang Safe Streets Task Force with support from the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF). The joint investigation targeted the "4K" drug trafficking organization that allegedly conspired to distribute various controlled substances including cocaine, crack cocaine, methamphetamine, and marijuana. Over 80 agents, officers, and other law enforcement personnel successfully made those while executing search warrants on properties allegedly involved in drug trafficking.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Jacksonville Division – Gainesville Resident Agency, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, the University of Florida Police Department, the Gainesville Police Department, the Alachua Police Department, the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Highway Patrol, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James A. McCain.

“We are so thankful for the attentiveness of this deputy, and for the coordination of Sheriff Mark Hunter and his entire team in helping locate and arrest this final defendant,” said SAC Rojas. “The CCSO is one of nearly a dozen federal, state and local law enforcement agencies who have been integral in this case. We can all sleep better with Willis in custody, but the residents of Northern and Central Florida can count on FBI Jacksonville to continue to work tirelessly to ensure they live in a safe community free from dangerous and deadly substances that wreak havoc on society.”

A criminal complaint is merely an allegation that a defendant has committed a violation of federal criminal law and is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the government’s burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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