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SCSO Deputy Arrested on Sexual Battery False Imprisonment Charges

Seminole Co. Fla., (August 17, 2023) – The Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) arrested SCSO Deputy Sheriff Andrew Bergkvist on an active warrant for sexual battery and false imprisonment.

The Sheriff's Office initiated a criminal investigation on August 14, 2023, after receiving a complaint that Bergkvist inappropriately touched a female victim in a sexual manner following a traffic stop earlier that day. An Administrative Investigation was initiated based on these allegations, and Bergkvist was immediately suspended on August 15. He did not return to a patrol shift after the complaint was received. Bergkvist was booked in the John E. Polk Correctional Facility on a no bond status at around 11:30 p.m. on August 16, and Sheriff Dennis Lemma immediately initiated the process to terminate his employment from the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's Office detectives have been actively reviewing footage from other traffic stops initiated by Bergkvist to look for any possible additional cases. As of the time of this release, no other incidents or victims have been identified.

Bergkvist began his employment with the agency in March 2017 as a detention deputy. He was sworn in as a deputy sheriff in July 2020.

Regarding the investigation and arrest, Sheriff Dennis Lemma stated: "We have zero tolerance for this type of behavior, regardless of who commits it. Upon learning of these serious allegations, our office acted swiftly, and the investigation ultimately resulted in the arrest of Bergkvist. The Sheriff's Office remains committed to building trust with our community, and we will not let anyone undermine that trust. It is our oath and responsibility to uphold the law and support to victims of these crimes, not create victims. Bergkvist's actions are a complete contradiction of the norms, customs, and values of this organization and the trust citizens place in policing professionals."

The criminal and administrative investigations are open and ongoing, and the Office of the State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit, will prosecute the case.

Photos of active or former sworn, certified, or civilian law enforcement personnel are exempt from public disclosure. Anyone who may have had contact considered inappropriate with Bergkvist or any other deputy sheriff is urged to contact the SCSO at 407-665-6650.

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