



# SHERIFF SEMINOLE COUNTY

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Deputy arrested for theft of narcotics**

Seminole Co. Fla., (Aug. 26, 2016) - The Seminole County Sheriff's Office yesterday arrested Jason Bender on four counts of grand theft of a controlled substance, a third degree felony. Bender, a Sheriff's Office lieutenant assigned to the City County Investigative Bureau (CCIB), is believed to have stolen prescription pain medication from a narcotics storage safe at the CCIB office on at least four occasions.

The Sheriff's Office began its investigation on Wednesday evening when an investigator in CCIB noticed some of the packaging and contents in the office safe appeared to be disturbed. Investigators conducted an immediate inventory and discovered drugs were missing. The investigation revealed that Bender had taken the drugs for personal use.

Bender was booked in the John E. Polk Correctional Facility last night and was released on bond. He has been placed on suspension. The case will be prosecuted by the Office of the State Attorney, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.

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**ARREST REPORT**  
**Seminole County Sheriff's Office**

Cmty: **WSC**

For the Public: **No**

N.S.A: **24** GRID

Juvenile: **No**

Agency ORI#: **FL0590000**

OBTS#:

Agency Report #: **201600006681**

Weapon Seized: **No**

Weapon Type:

Arrest Location:

Offense Location:

Arrest Date/Time: **8/25/2016 18:20**

Booked Date/Time: **8/25/2016 21:00**

Jail Date/Time: **8/25/2016 21:00**

Fingerprinted:

Jail#:

Local#:

FDLE#:

DOC#:

**DEFENDANT**

**Confidential Person**

Name: **BENDER, JASON MARTIN**

Race: **W**

Sex: **M**

DOB:

Or Age:

Height: **510** Weight: **190** Eyes: **BRO** Hair: **BRO**

Alcohol Related: **N**

Drug Related: **Y**

Court Translator: **N**

Language:

Local Address:

Phone:

Residence:

Next of Kin:

Relationship:

NOK Phone:

Religion:

Business Name: **SEMINOLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S**

Business Address:

Job: **LIEUTENANT**

Business Phone:

DL#:

DL State: **FL** SSN:

Marital: **M**

Place of Birth:

GPS monitored: **N** Citizenship: **United States of America**

If not a U.S. citizen, contact embassy consulate

Alias Name(s):

Person Identifier(s):

**NONE**

Co-Defendant(s):

Name

Race

Sex

DOB

or Age

**CHARGE(S)**

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Charge Description</u>	<u>Statute#</u>	<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>Attempt/Commit</u>	<u>Reason#</u>	<u>Type</u>
<b>4</b>	<b>LARCENY - 812.014 2C13GRAND THEFT OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE</b>	<b>812.014 2c1</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Commit</b>		<b>Probable Cause</b>

Drug Qty:

**0.00**

<b>P C</b>	The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named defendant committed the following violation of law:		
	On the <b>25 of August, 2016</b> at <b>6:20 PM</b> (Specifically include facts constituting cause for arrest.)   BOND: 8,000.00		
	P.C. Exists for Charge(s):	Judges's Signature:	Date:

On July 21, 2016, an audit was conducted of the controlled substances stored in the Seminole County Sheriff's Office City County Investigative Bureau [CCIB] office. The controlled substances are the property of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. During that inventory all controlled substances were counted and/or weighed.

On August 24, 2016, Sergeant William Christensen of the Sheriff's Office CCIB noticed a quantity of controlled substances missing from a narcotics storage safe in the CCIB office. The controlled substances had been accounted for during the July 21, 2016, inventory. The missing controlled substances included a quantity of Roxicodone and Oxycodone pills. Roxicodone and Oxycodone are both Schedule II, controlled substances.

During the course of the investigation it was determined that Lieutenant Jason Bender of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office CCIB had access to the safe that contained the controlled substances.

On August 25, 2016, a post-Miranda interview was conducted with Bender. During the course of that interview, [REDACTED]

Jason Bender, a white male, date of birth [REDACTED] was placed under arrest for four (4) counts of grand theft of a controlled substance, in violation of Florida State Statute 812.014 2.(c)13. Bender knowingly obtained and used, controlled substances belonging to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, with intent to appropriate the controlled substances to his own use.

Bender was transported to the Seminole County Correctional Facility.

Statements made by defendant prior to, during, and after arrest as related to each charge:

[REDACTED]

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**ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION**

Miranda Warning <input type="checkbox"/>		HOLD FOR OTHER AGENCY Name:		Verified By:		Date	Bond: Charge #	Bond: Charge #		
<input type="checkbox"/> ADULTS ONLY!! Hold for First Appearance DO NOT BOND		Reason:		Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned  authority, this ____ day of _____,  in the year _____.		B O N D  I N F O	Bond Type:	3.Surety 5. Cert. 4. Bail/ 6. Other Bond	Type:	Type:
I swear/affirm the above and reversed and attached statements are true and correct. Officer's/Complainant's Signature							1. R.O.R. 2. Cash	Returnable Court Date:	Returnable Court Date:	
Conway, Mark <b>102016</b> Name(Printed) and Employee#				Name/Title of Person Authorized to Adminster Oath.			Release Date:	Release Time:		
							Releasing Officer:			