

# Press Release

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## Suspected Copper Thief Caught in the Act

**Tallahassee-** A Chattahoochee man was arrested after allegedly stealing over \$5,000 dollars in copper wiring from a local construction site.

Just before 10:00 PM Wednesday night, K-9 Deputy Team Deputy Rob Wright and "Tag" were checking a construction site in the 2200 Block of Philips Road. Deputy Wright reported he observed a subject, later identified as Daniel Fleming 4-21-84, in the rear of the complex standing next to his truck with large black bags. According to reports, Fleming stepped away from the bag and attempted to leave in his truck as Wright approached. Wright stopped Fleming and through his investigation discovered the black bag was one of four that contained over \$5,000 in copper wiring taken from one of the buildings under construction.

Fleming was arrested and booked into the Leon County Jail charged with Burglary of a Structure and Grand Theft from a Posted Construction Site.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "Deputy Wright's proactive approach is just one of many tactics being used to fight the growing problem of copper theft. We encourage the whole community to take initiative and report any suspicious activity they see around construction sites".

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