

# Sheriff's Office Arrests Career Offender Andrew Halla on Sexual Battery Charges

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Sheriff Ken Mascara announced that Andrew Halla, 47, was arrested today for sexual battery. Halla is a registered sex offender and has an extensive, statewide history of criminal convictions including aggravated battery, sexual battery, false imprisonment and failure to register as a sex offender.

According to the Sheriff, a female victim walked into the Sheriff's Office to report a rape. She stated that on May 15, Halla entered her home, forced her to into the bedroom and then held her down while he had sex with her.

"The bravery of this victim to come forward is to be commended," said Sheriff Ken J. Mascara. "It was clear in her interview with detectives that she was aware of Halla's violent past and was fearful of him, but she still knew coming forward was important."

Halla was arrested without incident at 9:37 a.m. in the 3300 block of Orange Avenue. He was booked into the St. Lucie County Jail where he will be held without bond.

## ABOUT THE SHERIFF:

The Florida Constitution establishes the Office of the elected County Sheriff who is responsible for preserving the peace, carrying out the orders of Florida courts and the Board of County Commissioners, and providing deputies at court sessions and meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief correctional officer of the county. Sheriff Ken J. Mascara is elected by the people of St. Lucie County and is accountable to them.