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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIVE AND FORENSIC SERVICES

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## Welcome to CFO Jimmy Patronis' DIFSsource

CFO Jimmy Patronis' Division of Investigative and Forensic Services brings to you the DIFSsource. Here you find the latest news, announcements and developments of our Division for the great State of Florida regarding acts of fraud, arson and the misuse of state funds. We are proud of our Divisions' efforts in safeguarding Florida business and resident's hard-earned assets. This newsletter serves to acknowledge the work that is done by our staff and to inform the public of our ongoing activities across the state.

## DIFS Announces Our Newly Appointed Assistant Director

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On May 21st, Major Ernie Stoll was promoted to Assistant Director of the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services.

Assistant Director Stoll joined the Division of Insurance Fraud in 2013 and was assigned to the Tallahassee Field Office where he was responsible for investigating insurance fraud in a multi county area of North Florida. In October of 2015, Ernie was promoted to Major over Operational Support Services.

We are pleased and honored to recognize Assistant Director Stoll 's dedication and contributions to this Division. DIFS is looking forward to his continued assistance in fighting against fraud and arson.

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## Announcements



**DIFS Attends Ceremonial Check Presentation** Lt. James Milton and Det. Charles Toledo from DIFS' Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations attended a ceremonial check presentation at the Miami Dade State Attorney's Office after the recent conviction and sentencing of insurance fraud and arson scheme ringleader, Jorge Fausto Espinosa Sr. The case resulted in a \$1.9 million restitution repayment to the victimized insurance companies from Espinosa's scheme.

**DIFS Would Like To Congratulate Our New Assistant Director, Ernie Stoll** On May 21, 2018, Major Ernie Stoll was promoted to Assistant Director of the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services.

**DIFS Received Positive Feedback On Our Mock Accreditation Assessment** In order to prepare, DIFS invited various outside law enforcement personnel (sworn and non sworn) to assess our agency by review our policies, practices and procedures. The assessors interviewed various personnel,

observed work areas and vehicles. After their review, the assessors provided feedback using best business practices. Suggesting if they feel the agency is in compliance with the standards set forth by the CFA Commission.

### **DIFS Congratulates Cynthia Kelly And Helen Campbell on their recent graduation from FDLE Analyst**

**Academy** The ceremony, which was held on May 2, 2018, was the culmination of an intensive 4 month class comprised of course work, individual and group research projects. With these classes, Cynthia and Helen have further developed the necessary analytical skills needed to conduct complex investigations.

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## **DIFS in the News**



### **Cars set on fire at Jacksonville dealership**

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### **Vero Beach High School evacuated after fire in boy's bathroom**

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### **Firefighters rescue dog from burning Nassau County home**

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### **Abandoned building fire under investigation; brush fire apparently started from a pile of burning leaves**

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### **Suspicious flare as 5 fires burn in Oak Hill-area mobile home park**

featured on: [Daytona Beach News Journal](#)

### **People seen lighting gas at gaspump on fire**

featured on: [NBC2](#)

### **Rented homes burned for insurance in South Florida**

featured on: [Naples Daily News](#)

### **Man sets homes on fire in insurance fraud scheme**

featured on: [ABC 10 News](#)

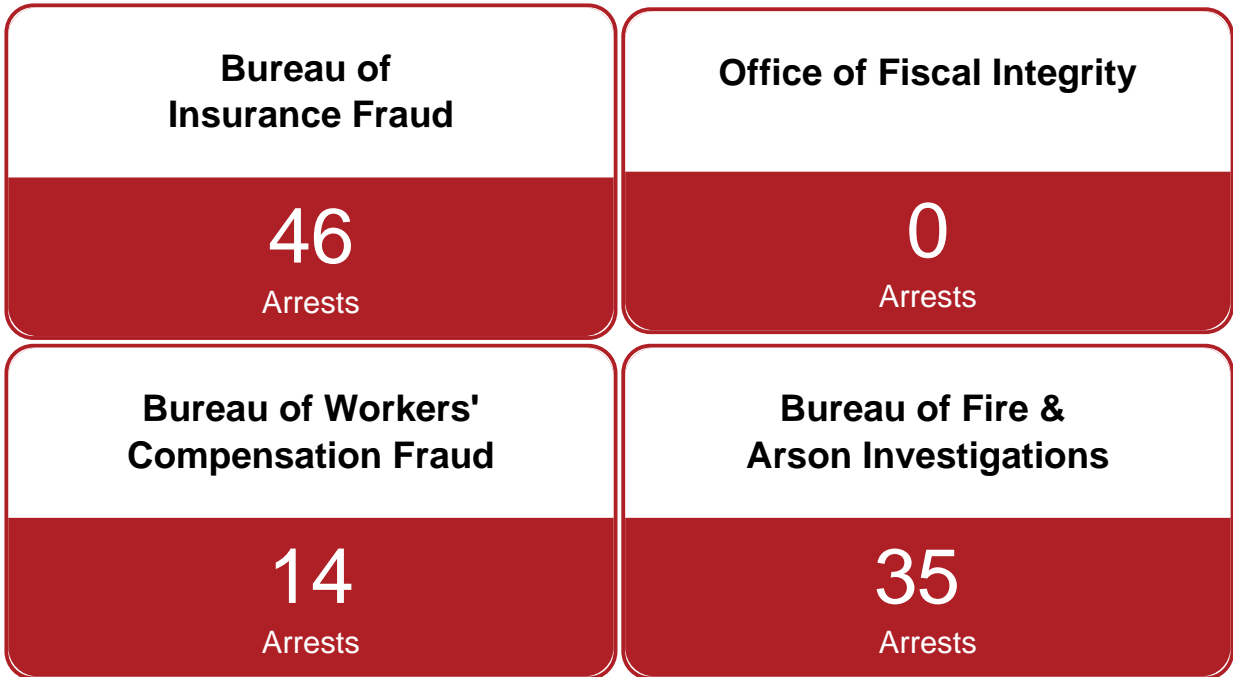
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## **May Arrest Stats**



**DIFS' law enforcement Bureaus have arrested the following for criminal behaviors**



\*Numbers reflect arrest counts provided at time of publish.

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#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you for reading and subscribing to the DIFSource. This is the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services' monthly newsletter highlighting some of our goings-on around the great state of Florida. If you have any comments, please send us an email by clicking the email icon below. We look forward to receiving your input.

Sincerely,

Leighton Tomkins  
"Lance"

Public Information Officer, DIFS

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