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Welcome to CFO Jimmy Patronis' DIFSource

CFO Jimmy Patronis' Division of Investigative and Forensic Service brings to you the DIFSource. Here you will find the latest news, announcements and developments of the Division for the great State of Florida regarding acts of fraud, arson and the misuses of state funds. We are proud of the 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.

The Coming Year for the DIFSource

Thank you for continuing to subscribe to the DIFSource. We aim to provide up-to-date news and stats for the Division of Investigative & Forensic Services. Our goal is to constantly provide useful information to our readers by offering the best information available. Is there something you'd like to see more of? Let us know by sending an email to DIFSOURCE@myfloridacfo.com.

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Announcements

DIFS Would Like to Congratulate:



Major Burt Himmer on his promotion to Major, overseeing the Operational Support Services Section in Tallahassee. October 2010, Burt began his career with the Division of Insurance Fraud as a Lieutenant in the Law Enforcement Training Section. In 2011, Burt was promoted to Captain of Special Operations and Training.

Captain Frank Briganti on his promotion to Captain of the Bureau of Insurance Fraud; South Central Region. Frank started with the Division as a Detective in the Workers Compensation Fraud West Palm Beach Office in February 2014. He was promoted to Lead Detective in March 2016. April 2017, Frank was promoted to Lieutenant of the

Bureau of Insurance Fraud: Fort Lauderdale Field Office and later reassigned to the West Palm Beach Field Office in March 2018.

Lieutenant Anthony Mozealous on his promotion to Lieutenant of the Bureau of Fire, Arson & Explosives Investigations: West Palm Beach Field Office. Anthony Started with the Division in 2009 in the West Palm Beach Field Office. During this time, Detective Mozealous became a certified Field Training Officer, General Instructor with proficiencies in Firearms, CVSA operator, Honor Guard Member and Lead Detective.

Sarah Buranosky on her promotion to Administrative Assistant II within Operational Support Services. Sarah has been with the Division since 2016, originally working in the Bureau of Insurance Fraud, Fort Myers Office as an Administrative Secretary. May 2018, Sarah was promoted and relocated to the Director's Office as an Administrative Assistant I.

Tiara Brown on her promotion to Assistant Accreditation Manager over the Bureau of Forensic Services. Tiara has been with the Department of Financial Services since 2009, originally working in the Office of the General Counsel. July 2017, Tiara joined the Division as a Public Records Technician handling the public records requests relating to insurance fraud.

Captain Carl Lane on his graduation from the University of Louisville, Southern Police Institute's 83rd Command Officer Development Course.

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DIFS In The News

Gilchrist deputy shooter's house fire cause unclear

featured on: [The Gainesville Sun](#)

DeLand Fire responds to fire; rescues dog

featured on: [DeLand Florida Site](#)

Cooking fire sparks blaze at Tallahassee apartment complex

featured on: [WCTV](#)

Florida Fire Marshal suspects arson in Oxford Road fire

featured on: [WTXL](#)

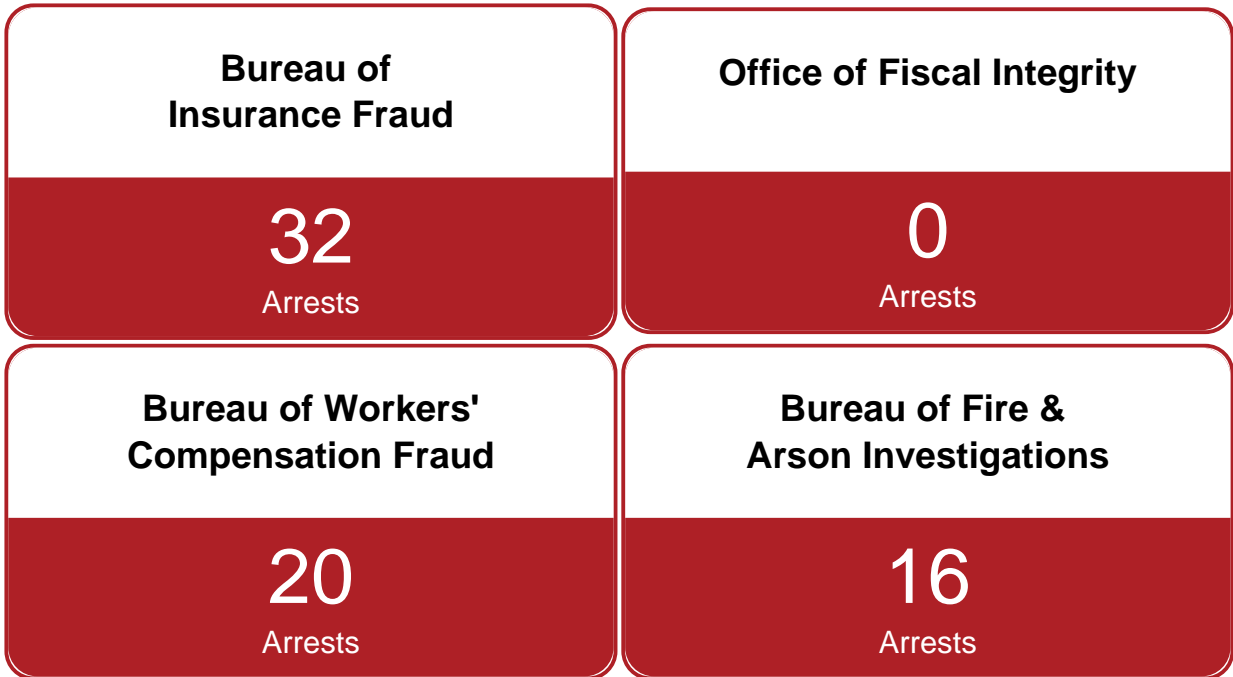


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January Arrest Stats



DIFS' Law Enforcement Bureaus have arrested the following for criminal behavior.



*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 hearing from you and receiving your input.

Sincerely,

Leighton "Lance" Tomkins

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