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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIVE AND FORENSIC SERVICES

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Welcome to CFO Jimmy Patronis' DIFSsource

It is with great pleasure that CFO Jimmy Patronis' Division of Investigative and Forensic Service can bring you the DIFSsource. We are privileged to share the latest news, announcements and developments of our Division within 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 Presents Their Education Demonstration to State Officials

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On Tuesday April 24th, the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services (DIFS) held a Staff Education Demonstration Day on the grounds of the Florida Public Safety Institute. The event allowed members from the House Commerce Committee/Insurance and Banking, the House Government Operations and Appropriations Subcommittee, the Executive Office of the Governor, the Senate Appropriations Committee on General Government, the Senate Banking and Insurance, the DFS' Legislative Affairs as well as Finance and Budget to get a clear understanding of the duties, responsibilities and challenges the Division of Investigative and Forensic Services faces every day.

Members of DIFS staff provided an overview of the duties, responsibilities and the equipment required to work in the specific fields that comprise DIFS...

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Announcements



DIFS Would Like To Congratulate Lieutenant Matt Streichert on his recent promotion to Lieutenant of the Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations Panama City Field Office.

DIFS EOD Team Visited The Cub Scouts Pack 311 April 23rd at a Tallahassee pack meeting. The EOD Team came to show the scouts what is involved in being a member of the EOD Team and all the tools they have used at their disposal to disarm an explosive device in order to keep everyone safe.

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DIFS in the News



Keys house goes up in flames

featured on: [Miami Herald](#)

Lakeland homeless man burns down local woman's house

featured on: [News Chief](#)

Mims woman charged with arson after setting her house on fire

featured on: [Florida Today](#)

Chiropractor charged with arson

featured on: [NorthEscambia.com](#)

Man severely burned in Vero Beach condo fire dies from injuries

featured on: [TCPalm](#)

St. Pete man arrested after lying about Hooters sign falling on foot

featured on: [News Channel 8](#)

American Legion post in Jacksonville looks to rebuild after building set ablaze

featured on: [Jacksonville.com](#)

Disaster Fraud Action Strike Team Brings \$62,000 Insurance Fraud Scheme to a Halt

featured on: [Insurance News Net](#) / [Insurance Journal](#) / [ClickOrlando.com](#) / [My News 13](#)

Florida Lawyer Gets Prison for Role in \$23M PIP Fraud Scheme

featured on: [Claims Journal](#)

Fire damages several units at Riverside complex

featured on: [News 4 Jax](#)

Arlington apartment fire being investigated as possible arson

featured on: [News 4 Jax](#)

Bail bonds business owner arrested for embezzlement in Fort Myers

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Fire marshal investigates suspicious fire at historic DeLand hotel

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Fire burns North Port home while owners out of town

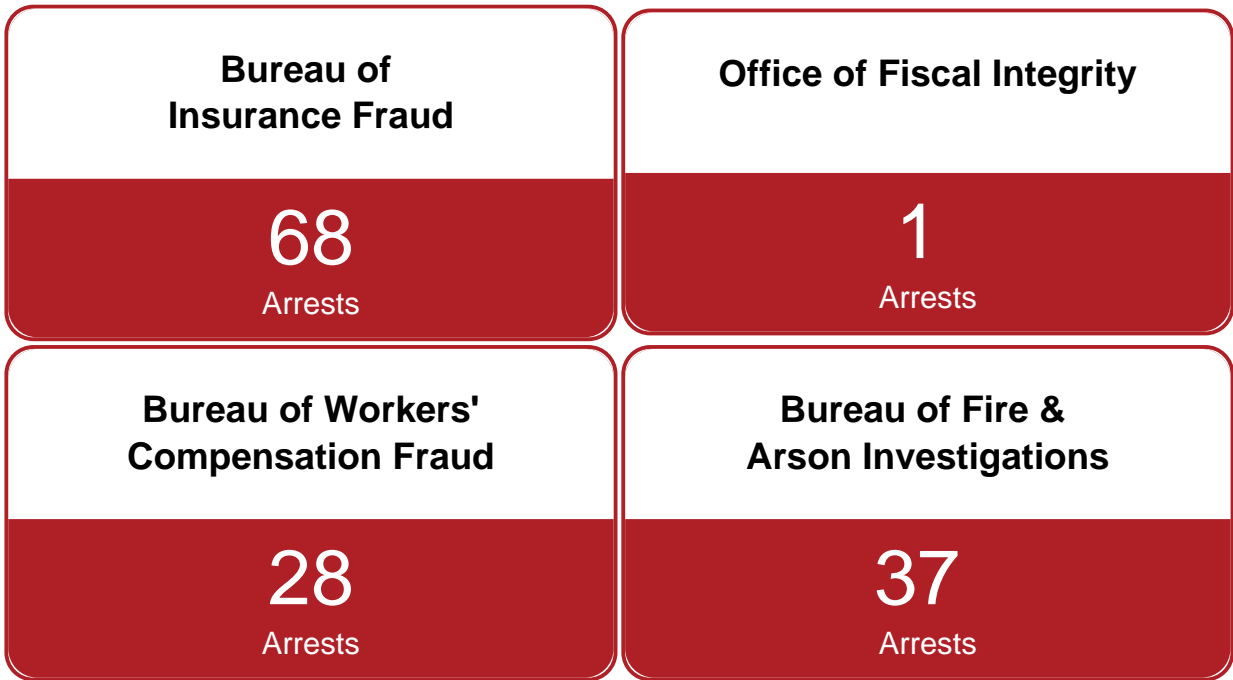
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April Arrest Stats



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,

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