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**State Attorney Andrew Bain: “We Will Prosecute Neo-Nazi Demonstrators”**

**ORANGE COUNTY, FL** – This morning, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) in collaboration with the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), arrested Jason Brown, 48, of Cape Canaveral, for hanging swastikas and other antisemitic banners along the Daryl Carter Parkway Bridge in Orlando. There are currently three outstanding arrest warrants for additional demonstrators who live out of state and whose actions were in violation of newly enacted state law. The State Attorney’s Office is working with law enforcement partners and plans to prosecute these crimes to the fullest extent the law allows.

State Attorney Andrew Bain stated, "We are committed to upholding the laws of our state, including those designed to protect our travelers on roadways. These supposed demonstrators obstructed state roadways and tried to intimidate our community with hate symbols. The actions taken were reprehensible, and we will prosecute these Neo-Nazi demonstrators and pursue justice to the fullest extent of the law."

On June 10, the suspects placed banners along a fence without receiving written permission, which is a violation of state law. The banners included swastika flags and racist messages that hung directly over I-4. The arrested suspect claims to be a member of “Order of the Black Sun” an antisemitic, extremist group.

Earlier this year, the Florida Legislature passed, and Governor Ron DeSantis signed House Bill 269, which includes provisions that prohibit individuals from displaying or projecting images onto a building, structure, or property without permission.

The State Attorney’s Office urges anyone with information related to this incident or the whereabouts of the outstanding suspects to contact the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. We remain dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community and will continue to work diligently to enforce the laws that protect it. To report any additional suspicious activity, incidents, or behaviors please contact the FDLE’s Suspicious Activity Reporting line at 855-FLA-SAFE or 855-352-7233.

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