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Incident Location: 2906 NE 28th Way, Gainesville, Florida

Warrants Investigators arrest one of New Jersey's "10 Most Wanted":

A Jersey man was arrested after apparently being on the lam for more than 14 years. Members of the Sussex County Prosecutors Office in New Jersey have been working with the FBI and the U.S. Marshall's Service Fugitive squad in an attempt to locate Brian McManus, a fugitive from justice from New Jersey since 1992. Acting on a tip, Investigators Jerry Bamburg and Todd Card went to Southern Customs and Collision Center in Gainesville. McManus, realizing that deputies were there to arrest him, attempted to remove his fingerprints by sanding them off with a belt sander. He then denied being the person Investigators were looking for until arriving at the ACSO Department of the Jail where he was identified via photograph. McManus then confessed and advised he was relieved "it was finally over."

Investigators Bamburg and Card arrested W/M, Brian McManus, aka Paul Thomasson, aka Jeffrey McManus, aka James Joseph Carney, 08/28/62, on the charge of being a "Fugitive from Justice" from the state of New Jersey. New Jersey authorities hold outstanding warrants for Theft, Contempt of Court, Bail Jumping and Failure to Appear for Arraignment.