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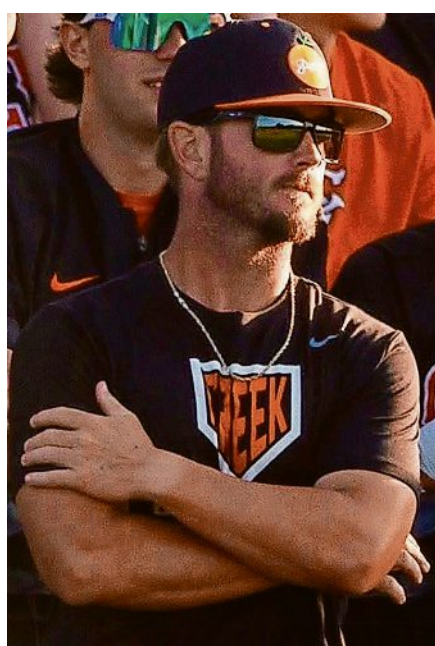


Spruce Creek High mourns baseball coach Adam Smith

Patricio G. Balona Daytona Beach News-Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

Adam Smith, the assistant baseball coach for Spruce Creek High School, was killed in a single-vehicle crash in Port Orange on May 10, according to a friend of the coach. • “The news has been so devastating especially for our boys (baseball players),” said Blanca Christen, a Port Orange parent, in an interview with The News-Journal on May 11. • Smith was also the team’s catcher’s coach, Christen said. • “My son is a catcher, so this has hit him really hard,” Christen said. • On her GoFundMe page, Christen wrote that Coach Adam “Stump” Smith has been a fixture in Volusia County baseball. • Christen wrote that Smith previously was a coach at New Smyrna Beach High School and also a coach at DeLand High School. • “Beloved by players and coaches around town, ‘Stump’ (Smith) knew the game and had a bright future as a coach. Please help us raise money to help his family offset funeral expenses,” the GoFundMe page reads. • On May 12, Christen said no memorial service plans had yet been made as the police investigation continues. • “The family is waiting for the accident investigation to be closed to plan services,” Christen said.

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Spruce Creek High School assistant baseball coach Adam Smith was killed in a crash on May 10.

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TOP: Members of the Spruce Creek High School baseball team gather near Yorktowne Boulevard in Port Orange to remember the school’s assistant baseball coach Adam Smith. The 26-year-old Smith was killed in a single-vehicle crash on May 10. PROVIDED BY BLANCA CHRISTEN



Security camera footage shows Circle K worker Eduardo Labrada Machado pointing a gun. PROVIDED BY VOLUSIA SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Circle K clerk set to enter his plea

Sentencing in officer’s death slated for May 18

Frank Fernandez
Daytona Beach News-Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

A Circle K clerk accused of fatally shooting an off-duty police officer last year in Ormond-by-the-Sea is set to enter a plea and be sentenced next week.

Eduardo Labrada Machado, 24, faced a possible death sentence if convicted at trial.

Labrada Machado was working

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Surging fuel costs lift prices in April

Rachel Barber
USA TODAY

Americans already struggling with affordability saw prices rise again in April as surging oil costs stemming from the Iran war kept driving up prices at the gas pump and affected supply chains for other goods.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Consumer Price Index, its measure of inflation, revealed prices rose 0.6% from March to April and were up 3.8% from a year ago. Those readings came in above forecasters’ expectations and mark inflation’s highest level in nearly three years.

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