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### Media Release

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**From: Sergeant Donna Black**  
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**Re: Results "Easy As One" Campaign**

**Date: July 31, 2010**

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The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Easy As One campaign coordinated with Hernando County Sheriff's Office to host its third regional collection event on Friday, July 30, 2010 at Weeki Wachee Springs State Park in Springhill, Florida.

A drop off location was manned by Hernando County Deputies at the event to collect unused prescription medication. The following are the results; 145 people turned in 2,231 containers of unwanted prescription medications. All of the drugs collected from yesterday's event will remain in the custody of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office until they are destroyed properly by incineration.

Officials from the Department of Environmental Protection want to remind us that wastewater systems are not designed to remove many types of medications. Residents can contaminate groundwater supply and drinking water by flushing drugs down the toilet or pouring medications down the sink. This event established a simple way for residents to safely remove potentially dangerous medicine from their homes and prevent it from contaminating our water.

Also collected and slated for recycling were newspaper, plastic bags and old cell phones.

We want to thank the citizens of Hernando County for despite the very hot day coming to the Easy As One event and making the campaign a successful one.