



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

A STATE ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

P.O. BOX 10070 – BROOKSVILLE, FL 34603-0070 FAX 352 796-0493 PHONE 352 754-6830

Media Release

From: Sergeant Donna Black
Public Information Officer, 352-754-6830

Re: Humane Society Burglary-Dognappers Caught

Date: August 23, 2010

Case#: 2010-31317 & 2010-26953

Arrested:

JOSE ANGEL NAVARRO, DOB 11-20-89, address 16161 Fullington Rd. Brooksville, Charge- Commercial Burglary, bond \$5,000.00. Navarro & Claudio are reportedly cousins.

JUAN CARLOS CLAUDIO, DOB 08-20-84, address 16161 Fullington Rd, Brooksville, Charge- Commercial Burglary, bond \$5,000.00. Claudio and Navarro are reportedly cousins.

On Friday, August 20, 2010, deputies followed up on a tip and found 2 of the puppies in the 16000 block of Fullington Rd. The deputies started a neighborhood canvass looking for the rest of the stolen dogs. At 16161 Fullington Rd, when the female answered the door the deputy noticed a small brown Dachshund (Doxie) that matched the description of the one stolen. Deputies learned from the female, identified as Jennifer Kores that her husband Juan Claudio and his cousin, Jose brought 4 dogs home late Wednesday (8/18/10) but did they not tell her where they had gotten them from. When Juan and Jose left the home she let the dogs out of the house but kept the Dachshund inside.

Warrants were prepared for the arrest of Jose Navarro and Juan Claudio for Commercial Burglary. On Saturday, Juan Claudio turned himself into the Pasco County Sheriff's Office and is being held on our Hernando County Warrant, bond of \$5,000.00. Jose Navarro turned himself into the Hernando County Jail on Saturday and was booked in on the Hernando County Warrant for Commercial Burglary, bond of \$5,000.00.

Navarro told deputies that he went over the fence with the help of Claudio and then Claudio crawled under the fence. He told deputies that they took 4 dogs at random which included the puppies and one of the small dogs. He saw another small dog running around but did not take him. Claudio told deputies they took the dogs to sell because Navarro owed a man some money.

The tan pit bull/chow puppy has still not been found nor the older female pit bull that was taken in the July burglary. Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of the missing dogs is asked to call the Hernando County Sheriff's office at 352-754-6830.

If you have information regarding this crime, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the Hernando County Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-866-990-8477(TIPS) or you may email your tip by clicking below.

<http://www.hernadosheriff.org/Tips/>

You may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.