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Media Release

From: Sergeant Donna Black
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Re: Arrests made in Kidnapping, Robbery & Child Abuse Case

Date: September 8, 2010

Case#: 2010-33120

Arrested:

- 1). PIZARRO, Jr., MIGUEL ANGEL, DOB 02/07/73, Blaine Rd. Spring Hill, Charges: Robbery by Sudden Snatching & Child Abuse, bond \$15, 000.00 arrested 09/07/10
- 2). SWORD, DESIREE AMBER, DOB 05/13/90, 16320 East Road, Hudson, Charge: Kidnapping while Armed, bond \$30,000.00, arrested on 09/07/10 by Pasco S.O. for the Hernando Warrant
- 3) DOWNEY, KEVIN MICHAEL, DOB 12/27/86, 16320 East Hudson Road, Hudson, Charge: Kidnapping while Armed, bond \$30,000.00, arrested on 09/07/10 by Pasco S.O. for the Hernando Warrant

On 09/02/2010 Hernando County Deputies became aware of a possible kidnapping that had occurred on 09/01/10 with the victim being a 14 year old boy. Deputies were contacted by the victim's mother who had just found out why her son had been upset all night. Her son told her while he was walking the family's two dogs between 8:00pm and 8:20 pm he and his dogs were grabbed and taken into a car occupied by a male and female. He was later released with one dog and only got the other dog back after paying them money. This occurred on Horizon Drive in Spring Hill, Hernando County.

Deputies contacted the 14 year old juvenile who told them he was walking his two dogs while his uncle, MIGUEL PIZARRO, Jr. was riding a bike next to them. PIZARRO received a telephone call rode off and met with a white female and white male, later identified as SWORD and DOWNEY, in the roadway in front of a residence on Horizon Drive. The victim saw PIZARRO reached into the car forcefully took money from the SWORD, the driver of the vehicle and rode speedily away on the bicycle leaving the victim and the dogs behind.

The vehicle approached the victim at which time SWORD threatened to shoot the victim if he didn't get into the vehicle. The victim and dogs had to enter the vehicle via the front seat because the back doors of the vehicle did not open. The victim was held against his will for

approximately forty (40) minutes during which time numerous telephone conversations took place between the kidnapers and PIZARRO, Jr. The victim was in fear of his life during the entire episode.

The victim said PIZARRO and his captors reached an agreement and he was released from the vehicle with his larger dog but as an added insurance policy the kidnapers kept the smaller dog and the victim's cell phone. The victim was tasked with getting the stolen money from his uncle (PIZARRO) and taking it to the kidnapers. The victim met with the kidnapers again to return the money and once they got their money his dog was released and the cell phone was returned. The victim said he returned home with his dogs and remained upset throughout the night.

Detectives learned during an interview with PIZARRO Jr. that on 09/01/2010 between 8:00pm and 10:00pm he made plans to meet SWORD on Horizon Drive in Spring Hill, Hernando County, Florida. The meeting was planned under the pretense that PIZARRO, was going to sell SWORD narcotics (prescription pills). PIZARRO admitted to snatching the money from SWORD (\$120.00) then speedily rode away on his bicycle. PIZARRO saw SWORD and DOWNEY approach the victim but left his nephew in harms way. This action led to the kidnapping of the defendant's fourteen year old nephew as a result of a robbery by sudden snatching.

SWORD was contacted at her place of business in Pasco County and admitted that she and her boyfriend, DOWNEY, went to purchase narcotics during which time they were robbed. She also admitted to making contact with the victim (juvenile) and asked the victim to get into the vehicle. She said she and DOWNEY held the victim's dog and cell phone as collateral until the money was returned.

DOWNEY was contacted at his home and admitted he and his girlfriend, SWORD went to purchase prescription pills. DOWNEY said PIZARRO robbed them of their \$120.00. DOWNEY said they approached the victim and asked him to show them where his uncle was. DOWNEY said SWORD did threaten the victim with a firearm however, they had no firearm it was intended to frighten the victim. DOWNEY said they continued to make statements to frighten the victim.

Both SWORD and DOWNEY were taken into custody by Pasco County Sheriff's Office on September 7, 2010, held on the Hernando County warrants.