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Media Release

From: Sergeant Donna Black
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Re: Ridge Manor –Multiple Arrests Made

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Since November 2010 the Ridge Manor area has been plagued with burglaries and thefts occurring to foreclosed homes and part time residents' homes. Last week due to the hard work and diligence of the District 3 Detectives and the COPPS Deputies, the people who are believed responsible for the mayhem are in custody.

The case started to come together for the detectives when they tracked down individuals selling metal to recyclers. Arrests started to be made, leading detectives to other subjects and by last week the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Detectives had arrested eight (8) suspects, four (4) suspects wanted on warrants, thus far closing nineteen cases (19).

Detectives learned that the suspects would enter unoccupied homes and remove anything that could be recycled such as copper wire, copper coils from air conditions and appliances, aluminum pool cages, well tanks and even chain link fencing. The suspects were all known to each other but either worked independently or sometimes in pairs, would take the metal to local recycles where they would receive money for the items.

There are still suspects the detectives are looking for in some of the cases so, additional arrests are forthcoming. Additionally, detectives believe that these suspects are linked to other crimes that have occurred in this County and possibly Pasco.

“When we have a string of related crimes like these, our detectives and patrol deputies tenaciously pursue these criminals until a case can be made.” said Sheriff Al Nienhuis, “We know the few dollars made by criminals can cause significant hardship and financial stress to our victims. This is why my deputies meticulously work cases, always keeping the victims in mind.”

Arrested Subjects:

Dana Edwards, w/f, 08/30/75, 39237 Lace Ave., Lacochee

Lora Burgess, w/f, 11/26/80, 35098 Cheshire St. Dade City

Thomas Nelms, w/m, 04/03/60, 35098 Cheshire St. Dade City

Tracy Green w/f, 09/23/79, 33106 Round Stone, Webster

William “ Billy” Rhodes, w/m, 04/03/84, 34930 Emily Dr. Dade City

Kyler Odum, w/m, 06/09/93, 26010 Shangri Dr. Brooksville

Jeffrey Weiner, w/m, 08/15/67, 11811 Sanders Lane Dade City

Joshua Randall, w/m, 04/03/84, 3339 Jodi West Dr, Dade City

The following subject are wanted on active warrants:

Cecil “Gregg” Scarbro, w/m, 03/05/67, Address unknown

Marietta Hamby, w/f, 09/14/62, Last known address CR 575 Lacochee

Arthur Wick, w/m, 03/22/87, Last known address 4335 Cimarron Way, Dade City

Keith White, w/m, 09/17/90, Last known address 4305 Cimarron Way, Dade City

If anyone knows the location of the subjects wanted on warrants please call the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, at 352-754-6830 for Detective Jernigan. If you wish to remain anonymous and be eligible for up to \$1,000.00 CASH reward, call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477).