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Re: Operation Nets 34 Arrests and Closes 75 Cases

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The Hernando County Sheriff's Office announces that thirty-four (34) suspects have been arrested in an operation dubbed "Operation Take Back Our Community" that started January 3rd 2011 and ended on Feb 11th, 2011.

Detectives, with the assistance of our Crime Analysis Unit, identified areas throughout Spring Hill where burglaries and thefts were occurring. The operation plan was launched utilizing the undercover street crimes unit, road patrol deputies, a gang detective, and COPPS deputies to saturate the identified targeted areas.

During this initiative, COPPS deputies held two "Operation Medicine Cabinets" resulting in the collection of 2,384 bottles of unwanted prescription pills which were properly destroyed. The purpose of "Operation Medicine Cabinet" is to afford citizens a means of getting rid of unwanted prescriptions thereby helping to keep them out of the hands of subjects specifically doing burglaries to obtain prescription drugs from home medicine cabinets.

On January 18th & 19th, the Mobile Command Center was deployed in the parking lot of Spring Hill Plaza on Spring Hill Dive. Hernando County Detectives teamed up with Probation & Parole, Code Enforcement and COPPS Deputies in order to make community contacts more fluid. The Mobile Command Center is equipped with computers, phones and an interactive map which were utilized during the operation.

As a result of the efforts, detectives have closed seventy-five (75) cases resulting in the arrest of thirty-four (34) defendants for residential and vehicle burglaries, dealing in stolen property, grand theft, and auto thefts and defrauding a pawn broker.

"The members of our Spring Hill District did a tremendous job in both identifying an upward spike in burglaries and in successfully neutralizing the criminals preying on our citizens," said Sheriff Nienhuis. "I am proud of the teamwork and dedication they displayed during the month-

long operations. Seldom in my career have I seen this number of cases closed and arrests made in such a short period of time.”

The following is a synopsis of the cases that were closed and the defendants who were arrested:

Gregory Lamantia, DOB 05-18-90, charged with armed burglary of a conveyance, grand theft and dealing in stolen property. Lamantia broke into a state trooper’s vehicle and stole a shotgun and then sold it.

Joseph Gabrielsen, DOB 03-27-97, Co-defendant Daniel Thompson, DOB 11-19-93 and Co-defendant Nicholas Osburne, DOB 02-27-97 were each charged with burglary to a dwelling and grand theft. All three defendants broke into a house and stole a computer and tools.

Daniel Thompson, DOB 11-19-93 and Co-defendant Sebastian Burt, DOB 08-09-95, were charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling. Thompson was additionally charged with grand theft. Both defendants entered the garage located on Sand Ridge Blvd. Spring Hill and stole a mini-bike. Daniel Thompson was later found in possession of the mini bike.

Frank Olmeda, DOB 06-19-93, charged with grand theft and burglary to a dwelling. Olmeda stole an X-box from a residence located on Larkin Rd. Spring Hill. Additionally, Olmeda stole a computer from a residence on Larkin Rd. Spring Hill.

Rafael Cintron, DOB 08-06-92 Co-defendant Jimmy Nugyen, DOB 09-03-93, both defendants were charged with burglary to a dwelling, burglary to a conveyance and petit theft. The defendants broke into the residence located on Fairchild Road; however, they did not take anything. The defendants also burglarized a vehicle located on Gulfview Drive Hernando Beach and stole a carton of cigarettes.

Jimmy Nugyen, DOB 09-03-93 burglarized several other vehicles on his own. In addition to the above charges, he has been charged with five (5) counts of burglary to a conveyance, five (5) counts of petit theft, armed burglary to a conveyance and grand theft. Nugyen burglarized a vehicle on Tahiti Drive Spring Hill and stole money and a radar detector. He burglarized a vehicle on Deleon Drive Spring Hill and stole a GPS and a cell phone charger. Nugyen also burglarized a vehicle on Clingman Street Spring Hill and stole a gun and pills. He also burglarized a vehicle at on Hover Street Spring Hill and stole a GPS. Nugyen burglarized another vehicle on Tyringham Street and stole a GPS, cd’s and money. Nugyen burglarized a vehicle on Roble Ave. Spring Hill and stole an I-Pod.

Gerald Snyder, DOB 03-27-85 charged with grand theft auto. Gerald stole his grandmother’s 2006 Kia. The vehicle has since been recovered.

Anthony Allen, DOB 04-06-88 & Co-defendant Michael Allen, DOB 10-13-87. Anthony was charged with grand theft. Anthony Allen stole games from a residence on Glenridge Dr. Spring Hill and then gave them to Michael Allen who sold them to Game Stop located at 1875 Commercial Way Spring Hill. Michael Allen was charged with dealing in stolen property.

David Ryals, DOB 06-30-85 charged with grand theft. The defendant stole \$889 cash from an elderly female who hired him to do tree work. This occurred on Trumbull Av. Spring Hill.

Shawn Stark, DOB 02-03-93 charged with five (5) counts of attempted burglary of a conveyance. This occurred at Spring Hill Regional Hospital located at 10461 Quality Dr. Spring

Hill. Shawn broke into one vehicle and stole a computer and attempted to break into five (5) other vehicles in the parking lot. The victim in one case did not prosecute.

Michael Fetzer, DOB 02-06-83 charged with grand theft. Fetzer stole a jacket from Bar Envy located at 11060 Spring Hill Dr.

Dillon Radsick, DOB 08-27-92 and Co-defendant Robert Richards, DOB 12-14-95 were charged with burglary to a dwelling. Both defendants stole miscellaneous items out of a garage located on Trollman St. Spring Hill.

Sharon McCall, DOB 11-27-56 charged with two (2) counts of grand theft, defrauding a pawn broker and dealing in stolen property. McCall is a home health care worker. Sharon was employed by two different victims from whom she stole jewelry. The residences are located on LaQuinta Ct & Albury Ave. in Spring Hill. After stealing the jewelry, McCall pawned the jewelry at Florida Pawn Brokers.

Avery Clemmons, DOB 06-21-91 charged with grand theft, dealing in stolen property and defrauding a second hand dealer. Avery stole jewelry out of a residence located on Blackhawk Tr. Spring Hill and later sold the jewelry to a second hand dealer, Gold for Cash located at 5164 Mariner Blvd.

Eric Kirkman, DOB 06-07-93 and CO-defendant Andrew Points, DOB 02-25-93 were charged with 5 counts of burglary to a conveyance, burglary of a structure, grand theft and possession of burglary tools. Both defendants broke into Spring Hill Golf and County Club located at 12079 Coronado Dr. Spring Hill and stole a golf cart. The defendants also broke into five vehicles located in the area. The defendants advised they did many more conveyance burglaries however they were high on prescription pills and do not remember the locations of where they occurred.

Henry Malluck, DOB 01-10-61 charged with grand theft. Malluck stole \$600 from the victim located residence on Natoma St. Spring Hill.

James Hopkins Jr., DOB 08-25-81 charged with grand theft. Hopkins stole jewelry from two separate residences located on Maya Ct. Spring Hill.

Kalen Fitzpatrick, DOB 01-13-92 and Co-defendant, Nicholas Martin, DOB 02-03-94. Fitzpatrick was charged with seventeen (17) counts of burglary to a conveyance and one (1) count of burglary to a dwelling. Martin was charged with seven (7) counts of burglary to a conveyance. Fitzpatrick and Martin were targeting vehicles primarily on the south side of Spring Hill Drive from Commercial Way to Preston Hollow. It was determined that the Fitzpatrick committed six (6) additional conveyance burglaries which were cleared without arrest after conferring with the State Attorney's Office.

Deangelo McCormick, DOB 08-01-89 and Co-defendant Devon Shirey, DOB 02-13-98 both were charged with 2 counts of burglary to a dwelling. The defendants broke into a residence located on Brierdale Drive Spring Hill and stole a laptop computer and other miscellaneous items. The defendants also broke into a residence located on Post Court Spring Hill and stole a camera, video camera and other miscellaneous items.

Mathew Main, DOB 10-23-91 charged with four (4) counts dealing in stolen property & 4 counts of defrauding a pawn broker. Main stole numerous pieces of jewelry from family members and pawned the items at Crowder's Hardware.

Jason Collins, DOB 10-05-83 charged with two (2) counts grand theft auto. Collins stole his friend's vehicle and used it to drive to an address on Laval Street Spring Hill where he stole a 2006 Kawasaki motorcycle.

Brian Jett, DOB 06-29-85 and Co-defendant Corwin Risner, DOB 05-25-85 were each charged with attempted burglary to an occupied conveyance and attempted burglary to a conveyance. The defendants attempted to gaining entry into a vehicle which was occupied by the owner while the vehicle was parked in the Home Depot parking lot. When the defendants couldn't make entry, they attempted to break into another vehicle in the same parking lot.

Tyrone Robinson, DOB 10-29-92 was charged with defrauding a pawn broker after selling G.P.S. units that were stolen during vehicle burglaries.

Willard Kuhn, DOB 08-05-82 was charged with Grand theft. Kuhn was house sitting at an address on Fowler Lane Spring Hill, where he stole a bag of jewelry and sold it to a pawn shop in Pasco County.

Nathan Fisher, DOB 03-11-83 was charged with burglary of a dwelling. Fisher broke into a residence located on Tradewinds Lane Spring Hill and stole a remote control.

Robert Wise Jr., DOB 12-15-74 was charged with four (4) counts of defrauding a pawn broker, four (4) counts of dealing in stolen property, one (1) count of grand theft and one (1) count of commercial burglary. Robert stole jewelry from a residence located on Lola Drive Spring Hill and then sold it to Gold N Pawn located at 10215 County Line Road Spring Hill and Quick Cash for Gold located at 5164 Mariner Blvd. Spring Hill. Robert also broke into O'Brien Delzer Insurance located at 3317 Shoal Line Blvd and stole several items which he sold to a pawn shop in Pasco County.