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Media Release

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Re: Dealing in Stolen Property Arrest – Zachariah Wilson

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On July 10, 2012, deputies responded to a residential burglary where numerous items were reported stolen from the rear porch and detached garage. Some of the items listed missing were a weight bench with approximately 450 pounds of loose weights, circular saws, electric drills, a pressure washer, a 750 cc Yamaha engine, and numerous other items.

A neighborhood canvas by deputies developed the name of Zachariah Thomas Wilson as a possible suspect. He is a neighbor of the victim and has been on the property in the past. Two separate eyewitnesses were able to place Wilson's vehicle on the victim's property during the time frame of the burglary.

Investigation revealed that Wilson and his girlfriend, Tammy Christensen, had been to local recyclers numerous times between June 15, 2012 and July 05, 2012 and had completed 15 transactions. Copies of the transaction forms and photographs of the property were shown to the victim. The victim positively identified the property from the photographs.

On July 26, 2012, contact was made with Wilson at the Hernando County Detention Center after being arrested for the original Burglary of a Dwelling (2012-21857). Post Miranda, he admitted to selling the property to the recyclers, although denied removing it from the victim's residence.

Zachariah Thomas Wilson III W/M DOB/07-01-1982 was charged with an additional 15 counts of Dealing in Stolen Property – Bond \$15,000 and 15 counts of Defrauding a Secondhand Dealer – Bond \$45,000. Wilson's total bond is \$210,000 per the bond schedule with the prior burglary charge included.