



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

From: Sgt. Scott Lamia
Re: Tampa Woman Charged with Possession of Counterfeit Money, Cocaine
Date: July 9, 2018

On 07-07-18 at 9:51 p.m., a District 2 deputy made contact with a woman walking along Kass Circle after receiving reports of a female in the area who was acting suspicious and possibly under the influence of narcotics.

The subject, later identified as **Stephanie Salinas-Garrido, H/F DOB/03-09-1982**, stated she was from Tampa and was locked out of her vehicle. The deputy offered to assist Salinas-Garrido.

Upon approaching the vehicle, the deputy observed drug paraphernalia and several \$100 bills inside the vehicle.

Salinas-Garrido spontaneously stated that the paraphernalia was used for her to smoke crack-cocaine. After conducting a search of the vehicle, it was discovered that the \$100 bills were counterfeit, as all of the bills had the same serial number.

Also located inside the vehicle was a paper cutter with evidence indicating it was utilized for the counterfeit currency.

As the search of the vehicle continued, deputies located various controlled substances to include 16.5 grams of cocaine.

Salinas-Garrido was arrested and transported to the District 2 office for an interview with a District 2 detective regarding the counterfeit currency. As a result of the interview and investigation, Salinas-Garrido was also arrested for possession of a **Counterfeit Payment Instrument**.

Stephanie Salinas-Garrido was charged as follows:

- **Possession of Cocaine**

- **Possession of a Controlled Substance**
- **Possession of Drug Paraphernalia**
- **Possession of a Counterfeit Payment Instrument**

Total bond: \$14,000.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, and remains accountable to them.