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Re: Possession of Child Pornography Arrest – Joseph Spain – 2024-04758

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On 02-13-24, Hernando County Sheriff's detectives received information regarding the possible possession and distribution of child pornography.

Subsequent investigation revealed a possible suspect, identified as Joseph David Spain.

Detectives authored a search warrant for Spain's online accounts and subsequently served same to Spain's internet provider. The search warrant yielded the contents of Spain's account.

Upon reviewing the contents of Spain's account, detectives located 1 file of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM).

On 03-28-24, detectives responded to Spain's residence to speak to him.

During Spain's interview with detectives, Spain admitted to ownership of the account in question and to sending the file from that account to another account.

Joseph David Spain DOB/11-23-2002 was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- Possession of Child Pornography (1 count)
- Unlawful Use of Two-Way Communication Device
- Bond - \$10,000.

The investigation continues.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis has a zero tolerance for possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material. Any and all tips are, and will be, meticulously investigated, no stone will be left unturned. Any person who possesses material of this nature will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!

Hernando County Crime Stoppers can be reached by phone at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or **TIPS from a cell phone.

You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> .

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!