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Media Release

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Re: Man Charged with Failure to Register as Sex Offender after Illegal Burn

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On 08-01-13 at approximately 6 p.m., Deputies Chris Vascellaro and Cliff Faulkingham were on routine patrol when they observed a dark plume of smoke coming from the rear of a residence at 19426 Oakdale Avenue in Brooksville. They got out to investigate.

As the deputies exited the patrol vehicle, they immediately detected a strong odor consistent with burning plastic and rubber. The deputies observed two individuals standing in the backyard attending the fire, Michael Perry and James Bos. Both Perry and Bos were placing miscellaneous items in the fire (i.e., front grill of a lawn mower, inflatable air mattress, plastic computer parts, and other unidentifiable pieces of plastic.

The black plume of toxic smoke was wafting through the surrounding properties.

Hernando County Fire/rescue was called to the scene to safely extinguish the fire.

Michael Perry and James Bos were both placed under arrest for the nature of this illegal burn. The components of the fire were composed of numerous plastic and rubber items, thus producing a toxic atmosphere which is in violation of FSS 403.161 Administrative Rules 62-256.300(3). Bond on each individual was set at \$5,000.

While speaking with James Bos, deputies learned that within the last three months, he had moved back to Hernando County from Mississippi and had established residence on Oakdale Avenue. When deputies queried Bos through law enforcement databases, they found out he is a Registered Sex Offender and is required to register with the local law enforcement agency within 48 hours of moving to a new address. He failed to comply with this regulation.

Post Miranda, Bos admitted that he was adjudicated a Sexual Offender in Hernando County in 1997 and he was fully aware of the requirements and restrictions placed upon him.

James Arthur Bos was placed under arrest for Violation of Sexual Offender Reporting Requirements. His bond was set at \$20,000.