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Media Release

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Re: Traffic Stop Yields Drugs and Money

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On 10-25-16 at approximately 9:40 p.m., Deputy Roy McLaughlin was conducting proactive traffic enforcement in the area of Spring Hill Drive and Broad Street when he observed a white 1998 Coachman motor home towing a trailer that had no tag light.

Deputy McLaughlin conducted a traffic stop on the motor home in the area of the 7-11 convenience store located at Powell Road and Broad Street.

As Deputy McLaughlin approached the driver's side of the vehicle, he observed that the driver had left the seat of the motor home and had proceeded toward the back. Using his flashlight, the deputy observed the driver to be rifling through a backpack at the rear of the RV. The driver then motioned that he would open the door.

Contact was then made with the driver, Cody Bean, who was extremely nervous. Deputy McLaughlin immediately detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and asked Bean if there was anything illegal in the vehicle. Bean advised there was not and refused to allow McLaughlin to search the vehicle.

A K-9 team was requested to respond to walk around the vehicle. While the K-9 team was enroute, Bean advised "that there may be some weed over the sink."

Deputy Brandon Cox and K-9 Judge arrived on the scene. As K-9 Judge walked around the exterior of the vehicle, he alerted to the presence of an illegal substance. To confirm the alert, Deputy Jeff Andrews then walked his K-9, Valor, around the vehicle. K-9 Valor also alerted to the presence of an illegal substance.

The members of the K-9 Unit then conducted a search of the interior of the motor home where they located three separate baggies containing a green leafy substance that field tested positive for THC. A small clear plastic baggie containing .3 grams of green leafy

substance was located in the rear bedroom of the RV. The backpack at the rear of the motorhome (mentioned earlier) contained a marijuana grinder, \$1,560.88 in cash, a plastic baggie containing 2.7 grams of green leafy substance, and a multi colored bag that contained \$124 in cash. An additional \$1,132. in cash was located over the driver's seat in a storage area. The third clear plastic baggie containing 16.1 grams of a green leafy substance was located over the sink area, where Bean stated it would be.

Bean was placed under arrest for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Contraband. He was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center without incident. His bond was set at \$2,000 per the bond schedule.

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.