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Media Release

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Re: Detectives Bust Meth Lab in Retirement Community

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On 12-03-16, detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit responded to 11442 Deercroft Court in Spring Hill in reference to a methamphetamine lab. Initially, patrol deputies responded to the residence, which is located in the Wellington subdivision after receiving a tip that a meth lab may be located within the residence. Deputies made contact with the homeowner and were allowed entry to check for a possible lab. It is worth noting that there were two young children in the home.

Upon inspecting the garage of the residence, deputies observed several items that were indicative to the manufacturing of methamphetamine. Deputies immediately had the occupants of the residence evacuate and contacted Hernando County Fire/Rescue and the Vice and Narcotics Unit.

With the assistance of firefighters from Hernando County Fire/Rescue, detectives were able to safely remove the volatile chemicals from the residence. As a result of the investigation, detectives learned that **Brian Vincent W/M 03-21-1982** who is a relative of the resident recently began staying at the home. Detectives determined that Vincent was the individual responsible for manufacturing the methamphetamine. During the investigation he was not at the residence.

In total, detectives were able to collect 625.2 grams of liquid methamphetamine and crystal methamphetamine from the garage area along with many different forms of paraphernalia utilized for the manufacturing. The volatile chemicals that were removed from the scene will be properly disposed of by detectives.

The Department of Children of Families (DCF) was contacted regarding the children that were present in the home.

Currently, Brian Vincent has active felony warrants for the following charges:

- Manufacturing of Methamphetamine w/Children Being Present
- Trafficking in Methamphetamine
- Possession of a Listed Chemical
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

If you know the whereabouts of **Brian Vincent W/M 03-21-1982**, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office.

If you want to remain anonymous – Please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernadosheriff.org/Tips> . You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 cash!

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.