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Media Release

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Re: Search Warrant - 8050 B W Stevenson Road

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On 1-25-17 at 10 a.m., the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit with assistance from the S.W.A.T. team and the Tampa Bay Regional Bomb Squad, executed a narcotics search warrant at 8050 B.W. Stevenson Road in Brooksville.

The search warrant was the result of a year-long investigation where undercover detectives took part in operations to purchase methamphetamine from Randall McConnell, who resides at the residence.

During the investigation, detectives learned of the possibility of explosive devices being located inside the residence and that the devices would be used to harm law enforcement officers. Armed with this information, Hernando County authorities requested the assistance of the Bomb Squad. Members of the Tampa Bay Regional Bomb Squad conducted a sweep of the residence, inspecting several items that appeared suspicious in nature. As a result of the sweep/inspection, no explosives were located.

Pursuant to the search warrant, detectives located methamphetamine, marijuana, several firearms, and various items of drug paraphernalia.

The following individuals were arrested on scene and charged as follows:

Randall McConnell W/M DOB/07-26-1972

- Sale of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of a Firearm by a Felon
- Possession of a Structure for the Sale of Methamphetamine

- **Bond amount: \$63,000**

Marissa McConnell W/F DOB/02-01-1993 (Randall's McConnell's daughter)

- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

- **Bond amount : \$3,000**

The investigation remains active.

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.