



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

P.O. BOX 10070 – BROOKSVILLE, FL 34603-0070 FAX 352 796-0493 PHONE 352 754-6830

Media Release

From: Denise M. Moloney
Community/Media Relations Manager, 352-797-3609

Re: Vice Detectives Serve Warrants on Two Separate Methamphetamine Dealers
in Same Neighborhood

Date: February 24, 2017

On 02-24-17, detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit, with assistance from the S.W.A.T. team, executed a narcotics search warrant at 9033 Parrish Avenue in Brooksville. At the same time, detectives also made an arrest on an individual who had warrants related to methamphetamine sales, less than a half a block away at 20030 Peyton Place.

The search warrant and arrest warrants were a result of a lengthy investigation that took place at the Parrish Avenue and Peyton Place locations. During the investigation, undercover detectives took part in narcotics transactions where Vanessa Billingsly sold methamphetamine on numerous occasions from the Parrish Avenue residence. Detectives also took part in transactions on the Peyton Place property, where Brian Wendler sold methamphetamine on several occasions. Detectives learned that Billingsly and Wendler had connections; therefore, both were served with warrants simultaneously.

During the execution of the search warrant on Parrish Avenue detectives took four individuals into custody. As a result of the search, detectives located 70 grams of liquid methamphetamine, 17 grams of crystal methamphetamine, MDMA pills, morphine and paraphernalia indicative of narcotics sales and use.

The individuals arrested from **Parrish Avenue** are as follows:

Vanessa Billingsly W/F 10-24-1787

- Sale of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device
- Possession of a Structure for the Purpose of Selling Methamphetamine
- Possession of MDMA

- Possession of Morphine
- Possession of Alprazolam
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bond - \$69,000**

Jerry Parker W/M 11-05-1967

- Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon
- Bond - \$10,000**

Brandy Parker W/F 08-01-1977

- Trafficking in Methamphetamine
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bond - \$22,000**

John Hazelton W/M 08-31-1965

- Possession of Ammunition by Convicted Felon
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bond - \$13,000.**

The individual arrested from **Peyton Place** is as follows:

Brian Wendler W/M 01-25-1975

- Sale of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Unlawful use of a Two-Way Communication Device
- Bond - \$42,000.**

It should be noted when the HCSO SWAT team made entry into the residence at 9033 Parrish Avenue, a Pit Bull dog ran out from a bedroom and charged one of the SWAT members. While one SWAT team member was being attacked by the dog, another SWAT team member shot the dog. With the dog still acting in an aggressive manner, SWAT team members also deployed pepper spray to subdue the dog, which had no effect. Seconds later, the dog appeared to go into shock and was no longer a threat to law enforcement officers.

The dog was provided with first aid on the scene and then promptly transported by an HCSO Animal Enforcement Officer to a local emergency veterinarian for immediate care. Once at the facility, the veterinarian determined the dog would require surgery. At that time, the owner of the dog elected to have the dog euthanized.

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.