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Media Release

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Re: Search Warrant - 7036 Covewood Drive

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Within the last week, Hernando County Vice and Narcotics detectives were contacted by agents from both U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) regarding a package of MDMA (commonly referred to as Molly) that was being shipped to an address in Hernando County. The package had been shipped from China. The final destination was to be 7036 Covewood Drive in Spring Hill; however, agents intercepted the package in Memphis, TN.

Surveillance of the residence and information obtained was limited. The name on the package (person it was addressed to) and the name of the person who lived at the residence did not match.

On 04-05-17, a controlled delivery of the package was made. A male, later identified as Joseph Brown, answered the door and accepted the package. Shortly after accepting the package, Brown left the residence in a Mercedes Benz. Detectives stopped and detained Brown a short distance from the residence.

Almost simultaneously, members of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office SWAT team made entry into the residence at 7036 Covewood Drive so detectives could execute a search warrant.

Brown agreed to return to the residence with detectives. The resident, Danielle Fisher, agreed to come home from work to meet with detectives.

As a result of the search warrant, detectives located numerous items of evidentiary value in the master bedroom of the residence (bedroom of Fisher and Brown). In the bedroom was a large assortment of credit cards, pre-paid cards, approximately 12 cell phones, and personal identification information belonging to individuals who did not live at the

residence. Items located indicated not only narcotic activity but signs of fraud (identification theft).

The package that was delivered was located in the laundry room of the residence.

Additional items located in the residence:

- 3.3 grams unknown powdery substance (sent to FDLE for testing)
- 8.0 grams MDMA (located under mattress)
- 1 gram marijuana
- .2 grams cocaine
- Smith and Wesson .40 caliber pistol (located under mattress)
- Ammunition
- 493 grams MDMA (package delivered)
- Numerous items of paraphernalia
- Laptop.

Detectives also located a phone in the master bedroom that showed they were tracking the package from China.

Both Brown and Fisher denied any criminal involvement during interviews with detectives.

Detectives noted that Brown is a convicted Felon and is currently on Felony probation for Credit Card Fraud.

Hernando County Sheriff Al Nienhuis and Vice and Narcotics detectives would like to THANK our patrol deputies, K-9 Unit, SWAT, SEU, Forensics, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) for all of their assistance in this successful operation.

Two individuals were arrested on scene and charged as follows:

- **Joseph Brown B/M DOB/10-10-1982**
 - VOP
 - Trafficking in MDMA
 - Possession of Marijuana
 - Possession of Paraphernalia
 - Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon
 - Possession of Cocaine
 - Bond – \$128,500
- **Danielle Fisher B/F DOB/04-09-1978**
 - Trafficking in MDMA
 - Possession of Marijuana
 - Possession of Paraphernalia
 - Possession of Cocaine
 - Bond – \$108,500.

Additional charges are pending based upon follow-up by detectives.

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.