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<u>Media Release</u>

From:	Denise M. Moloney Community/Media Relations Manager, 352-797-3609
Re:	Family Who Commits Crime Together – Does Time Together
Date:	April 21, 2017

On 4-19-17, Hernando County Sheriff's Vice and Narcotics detectives executed a residential search warrant at 2170 Danforth Road in Spring Hill, the residence of Christopher Collier.

For several months prior to the execution of the search warrant, detectives had been investigating Collier regarding the sale of cocaine from the residence. During the investigation, Collier sold cocaine to an undercover detective on numerous occasions. During the last undercover transaction, Collier sold a trafficking amount of cocaine that weighed 42 grams.

Upon the execution of the search warrant, detectives located more cocaine, paraphernalia, marijuana, hashish and other controlled substances in the residence. All family members at the residence were in possession of different items related to narcotics possession and were subsequently placed under arrest.

Listed below are the individuals arrested on scene and their charges:

• Christopher Collier W/M 02-14-995

- Trafficking of Cocaine
- o Sale of Cocaine
- o Possession of Cocaine
- Possession of a Structure for the Purpose of Trafficking and Sale of Cocaine
- Unlawful use of a Two-Way Communication Device (utilizing a cellular phone to set up transactions)
- o Possession of Hashish
- Possession of Paraphernalia
- o Bond \$123,000

• Codey Collier W/M 02-06-1992

- Possession of Hashish
- o Possession of a Controlled Substance
- o Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Paraphernalia
- No Bond (due to currently being out on bond from previous charges)

• Dennis Collier W/M 10-27-1968

- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Paraphernalia
- o Bond \$3,000

• Kim Collier W/F 06-12-1971

- o Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Paraphernalia
- o Bond \$3,000

• Caitlyn Collier W/F 07-14-2000

- Possession of Hashish
- o Possession of Paraphernalia
- o Juvenile Turned over to Department of Juvenile Justice.

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.