



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: Meth Lab - 16362 Cherokee Road

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On 04-15-2017, Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to 16362 Cherokee Road in Brooksville regarding a possible meth lab. Deputies were notified of this after a family member residing at the residence discovered suspicious items on the property. Upon arrival, deputies were able to observe items consistent with the manufacturing of methamphetamine. The Vice and Narcotics Unit was requested to respond.

Detectives that are certified in methamphetamine lab investigations and dismantling of the lab responded to the scene. With the assistance of members of the Hernando County Fire Rescue Haz-Mat team, detectives were able to safely neutralize the lab and collect the various items without incident.

As a result of the investigation, detectives identified **Aaron Buckner W/M 09-20-1980** as the suspect. Detectives located Buckner on 04-20-2017 and placed him under arrest for the charges listed below:

- **Aaron Buckner W/M 09-20-1980**
 - Manufacturing of Methamphetamine
 - Possession of a Structure for the Purpose of Manufacturing Methamphetamine
 - Possession of Methamphetamine
 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
 - Bond - \$23,000.

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.