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Media Release

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Re: Search Warrant – 5231 Colchester Avenue

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On 06-30-17, detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit executed a narcotics search warrant at 5231 Colchester Ave., in Spring Hill.

The search warrant and arrest warrants are a result of a lengthy investigation that took place at the Colchester Avenue location after detectives received complaints of drug activity at the residence. During the investigation, undercover detectives took part in narcotics transactions where **Sean Houle W/M DOB/02-05-83** sold methamphetamine from the residence.

The execution of the search warrant was conducted after Houle was located and arrested by a patrol deputy for several drug related charges on the evening of 6-29-17.

It should also be noted that Houle was currently out on bond from a drug-related arrest conducted by the Florida Highway Patrol in April. Following the April arrest, Houle continued to sell methamphetamine from the residence.

As a result of the search, detectives located prescription medication, legend drugs, marijuana and drug paraphernalia, "(indicative of the sale of narcotics)."

Many area residents expressed their gratitude towards detectives for putting stop to a situation that was a nuisance in the area.

Houle's charges are as follows:

- Sale and Possession of methamphetamine
- Possession of a place for trafficking, sale and manufacturing of a controlled substance
- Unlawful use of a two-way communication device
- Possession of marijuana

- Possession of a controlled substance
- Possession of a legend drug with intent to sell
- Possession of paraphernalia.

Houle is currently being held with no bond due to his previous charges before the execution of the search warrant.

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.