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Media Release

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Re: Vice and Narcotics Detectives Bust Another Cocaine Dealer

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On 08-02-17, detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit, with the assistance of the S.W.A.T. team, executed a narcotics search warrant at 15051 Switchback Road in Brooksville, the residence of **Anthony Brown B/M DOB/14-14-1987**.

The search warrant and arrest warrants are a result of a lengthy investigation where undercover detectives purchased cocaine and prescription pills from Brown on several occasions. The investigation began after the Vice and Narcotics Unit received a tip that Brown was selling cocaine and pills at various locations throughout Hernando County.

As a result of the search, detectives located a trafficking amount of cocaine, trafficking amount of hydromorphone pills, other various controlled substances, marijuana, paraphernalia indicative of narcotic sales, and U.S. Currency.

Brown was arrested on scene and charged as follows:

- Trafficking in Cocaine
- Sale and Possession of Cocaine
- Trafficking in Hydromorphone
- Sale and Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell
- Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device
- Possession of a Conveyance for the Purpose to Sell Cocaine and a Controlled Substance
- Possession of a Structure for the Purpose of Trafficking in Cocaine and Hydromorphone
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- **Bond - \$137,000.**

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.