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Media Release

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Re: Drug Dealer Arrested Only Four Months After Being Released From Prison

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On 09-07-17, detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit executed a narcotics search warrant at 2156 New Azora Road in Spring Hill, the residence of **Anthony "Two Fat" Tompkins B/M DOB/04-18-1988**.

The investigation began after the Vice and Narcotics Unit received a tip that Tompkins was selling narcotics from his residence. The search warrant and arrest warrants are a result of a lengthy investigation where undercover detectives purchased methamphetamine and prescription narcotics from Tompkins on several occasions.

During the execution of the search warrant, detectives took Tompkins into custody without incident. As a result of the search, detectives located methamphetamine, prescription narcotics, and paraphernalia indicative of narcotic sales.

Tompkins is no stranger to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit. In May 2017, he was released from the Florida Department of Corrections after serving 20 months for numerous narcotics related offenses. This incarceration stemmed from an investigation where detectives purchased narcotics from Tompkins in 2015.

Local neighbors expressed their gratitude to detectives for the drug house activity coming to an end as a result of the search warrant.

Once at the Hernando County Detention Center, Detention Deputies located 12.3 grams of methamphetamine tucked under the belly of Tompkins who displays a large stature. He was subsequently charged with Introduction of Contraband into a Correctional Facility.

Tomkins was arrested on scene and charged as follows:

- Sale and Possession of Methamphetamine

- Sale and Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon
- Introduction of Contraband into a Correctional Facility
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bond - \$76,000.

The investigation continues.

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.