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Media Release

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Re: Search Warrant - 436 Hallcrest Avenue

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On 10-04-17 at approximately 9 a.m., District Two Property Crimes Detectives received information regarding the location of a stolen pop-up camper.

Detectives immediately mobilized and responded to the location, 436 Hallcrest Avenue in Spring Hill. Upon arrival, detectives were able to see the camper in the back yard of the residence.

As Detective Mike O'Brien spoke with the homeowner, Nicholas Grispo, Detective William Cooper observed a male, later identified as Aaron Adams, exit the camper, walk around the back yard, then go back in the camper.

Adams then exited the camper again, at which time Detective Cooper made contact with him. Adams told detectives he was the owner of the camper, having bought it near Deltona and Forest Oaks, "two weeks ago, from a guy named Chuck."

Detectives determined that the camper was, in fact, the stolen camper, and that Adams had recently started spray painting it, attempting to paint over the VIN and other identifying numbers. The license plate had also been removed.

Detectives also observed a silver Ford F-350 parked in the back yard, behind the camper. They noticed that the dashboard and parts on the interior had been dismantled. Upon running a query through FCIC/NCIC, it was discovered the truck was a stolen vehicle (Pasco County). Additionally, video surveillance from the stolen camper case file, shows this truck being used to tow away the pop-up camper when it was stolen.

During the investigation, detectives located a charging handle for an AR-15 rifle on the ground, underneath the tailgate of the stolen F-350.

Detectives contacted the owner of the stolen F-350. He stated he had also been the victim of a residential burglary, where an AR-15, an AK-47, a Remington .380 and several other miscellaneous items were stolen.

Adams admitted to Detective O'Brien that he had stolen the camper. He was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center and placed on a No Bond status as he was already out on bond.

Adams' girlfriend, Tiffany Colello, was interviewed by detectives regarding suspicious pawn transactions. Colello admitted to pawning a set of golf clubs that did not belong to her. She was placed under arrest for Defrauding a Pawn Broker.

Detectives then secured a search warrant for the residence.

Once the search warrant was executed, numerous items of evidence of other crimes were located. Detectives located several items belonging to the victim of the residential burglary/stolen F-350. Among the items located in the stolen camper where Adams was staying was the box for the stolen Remington .380 (the firearm was located by the City of Brooksville a few days earlier).

Other items located during the search were multiple rounds of ammunition, numerous items of drug paraphernalia, 15.7 grams of marijuana, 0.7 grams of methamphetamine, 19.4 grams of Testosterone Enanthate, and 20.1 grams of Nandrolone (anabolic steroids), Suboxone Buprenorphine strips, prescription medications, several social security cards, several checkbooks and driver's licenses, counterfeit money (21 one hundred dollar bills), credit cards, and other personal identification items, all belonging to various individuals.

Inside the residence, hidden under a couch cushion, detectives located a Ruger 9mm handgun.

Outside, near the stolen pop-up camper, they located a newer utility trailer with a fresh coat of spray paint. Detectives removed some of the spray paint covering the VIN, to learn that the trailer had been reported stolen just three days prior from a nearby residence. The victim in this case had just deployed with the US Coast Guard. His wife was very happy we were able to get her husband's trailer back.

Ironically, detectives had to cut the locks off the tongues of the trailers. The suspect had placed locks on them to prevent people from stealing his stolen trailers.

While conducting this investigation, detectives located James Fallica, who had previously left the residence prior to the search warrant being executed. Fallica had returned to the area and was passed out in his vehicle just up the road from the scene. His vehicle, still in the roadway with no lights, was a danger to passing motorists and to himself. Fallica appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance. Corporal Steve Johnson and Deputy Jonathan Mathis assisted by arresting Fallica for DUI.

The following suspects were placed under arrest and charged as follows:

Aaron Adams W/M 08-24-1979

Charges as a result of findings after initial contact:

- Grand Theft Auto (Ford F350 Pasco County)
- Grand Theft (travel trailer from a residence in Spring Hill)

Charges as a result of the Search Warrant:

- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Firearm and/or Ammunition by a Convicted Felon
- Possessing 10 or More Forged Notes, Bills, Checks, or Drafts
- Unlawful Possession of Personal Identification Information (of five or more persons)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Suboxone Buprenorphine)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (anabolic steroid/Nandrolone)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (anabolic steroid/Enanthate)
- Possession of Marijuana (under 20 grams)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of a New or Legend Drug without a Prescription
- Grand Theft (trailer located on property stolen from a nearby residence)
- Burglary of a Dwelling (Burglary that occurred on 10/02/2017)

Tiffany Colello W/F 03-05-1986

Charges as a result of findings after initial contact:

- Defrauding a Pawnbroker (golf clubs)
- Grand Theft (travel trailer from a residence in Spring Hill)

Charges as a result of the Search Warrant:

- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possessing 10 or More Forged Notes, Bills, Checks, or Drafts
- Unlawful Possession of Personal Identification Information (of five or more persons)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Suboxone Buprenorphine)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (anabolic steroid/Nandrolone)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (anabolic steroid/Enanthate)
- Possession of Marijuana (under 20 grams)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of a New or Legend Drug without a Prescription
- Burglary of a Dwelling (Burglary that occurred on 10/02/2017).

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.