



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: Vice and Narcotics Search Warrant - 4099 Sugarfoot Drive

Date: April 13, 2018

On 04-12-18, members from the Hernando County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Vice and Narcotics Unit and the HCSO SWAT team executed a search warrant at 4099 Sugarfoot Drive in Spring Hill. The search warrant came at the end of a months-long investigation into illegal activity occurring at the residence.

Investigation revealed that the residents, Evan Steinhilber and William Neff, were involved in the sale of marijuana.

During the search of the residence, detectives located the following:

- 26.2 pounds of Marijuana
- 506.5 grams of Hashish
- 5.5 grams of Alprazolam
- 3 grams of Ecstasy
- 7 firearms
- 560 THC pens/capsule containers
- \$4,543 in US currency.

Both Steinhilber and Neff were taken into custody by detectives and charged as follows:

Evan Alan Steinhilber W/M DOB/07-15-1991

- Trafficking in Cannabis (Marijuana) w/Firearm
- Possession of Hashish
- Possession of Alprazolam
- Possession of MDMA (Ecstasy)

- Person in Possession Place/Structure/Conveyance for Sell Controlled Substance (Trafficking)
- Possess/Use Drug Paraphernalia
- Three Felony Arrest Warrants
- **Bond - \$107,000**
- Steinhilber has bonded out of the Hernando County Detention Center.

William Eduardo Neff W/M DOB/10-21-1987

- Person in Possession Place/Structure/Conveyance for Sell Controlled Substance (Trafficking)
- Possess/Use Drug Paraphernalia
- Three Felony Arrest Warrants
- **Bond - \$103,000**
- Neff remains in the Hernando County Detention Center.

It should be noted that the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit conducted an investigation in 2013, involving Steinhilber and Neff, for the same type of illegal activity. That investigation also resulted in a search warrant and the arrest of both individuals.

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.