

Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: Vice and Narcotics Search Warrant - 10490 Maderia Street

Date: April 19, 2018

On 04-18-18, members from the Hernando County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Vice and Narcotics Unit and the HCSO SWAT team executed a search warrant at 10490 Maderia Street 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 one of the residents, Nelson Lugo, was involved in the sale of illegal narcotics.

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

- 58.7 grams of Cocaine
- 5.6 grams of Marijuana
- Seven firearms
- Six boxes of ammunition
- \$200 in US currency.

Lugo was taken into custody by detectives and charged as follows:

Nelson Luis Lugo H/M DOB/04-24-1969

- Armed Trafficking in Cocaine
- Possession of Marijuana (less than 20 grams)
- Possession Place/Structure for the Sale of Cocaine
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bond \$31,500

Detectives also served two arrest warrants on Lugo, they were as follows:

Warrant #1

- Sale of Cocaine
- Possession of Cocaine w/Intent to Sell
- Possession Place/Structure for the Sale of Cocaine
- Unlawful Use of Two-Way Communication Device
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bond \$28,000.

Warrant #2

- Sale of Cocaine
- Possession of Cocaine w/Intent to Sell
- Possession Place/Structure for the Sale of Cocaine
- Unlawful Use of Two-Way Communication Device
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bond \$28,000.

Lugo remains in the Hernando County Detention Center.

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.