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Re: Possession of Child Pornography Arrest – Michael Ray Groves – 2024-00854

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On 11-18-23, Hernando County Sheriff's detectives received information regarding the possession of child pornography.

Subsequent investigation revealed a possible suspect, identified as Michael Ray Groves.

Detectives authored a search warrant for Groves' on-line accounts, which was authorized by Judge B. Bell. The search warrant was subsequently served to Groves' social media provider. The search warrant yielded the contents of Groves' account.

Upon reviewing the contents of Groves' account, detectives located 73 files of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM).

On 01-24-24, detectives responded to Groves' residence, located at 6979 Corliss Road in Brooksville to speak to him.

During the interview, Groves admitted to owning the social media account in question, and to viewing and possessing the files of CSAM.

Michael Ray Groves DOB/10-19-1966 was arrested and charged as follows:

- Possession of Child Pornography (73 counts)
- Unlawful Use of Two-Way Communication Device
- No Bond.

The investigation continues.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis has a zero tolerance for possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material. Any and all tips are, and will be, meticulously investigated, no stone will be left unturned. Any person who possesses material of this nature will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!

Hernando County Crime Stoppers can be reached by phone at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or **TIPS from a cell phone.

You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> .

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!