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Media Release

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Re: Two Charged with Attempting to Introduce Contraband into Detention Center

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On 05-11-18, deputies made arrests in two separate instances of persons attempting to introduce contraband into the Hernando County Detention Center.

While conducting a strip search incident to arrest of inmate, **Tiffany Stover W/F DOB/08-28-1991**, detention deputies observed an item protruding from the inmate's groin area. After lengthy instruction, Inmate Stover retrieved the item from her person and handed it to Deputy R. Stimpson. The item that was produced was a clear container containing a crystal-like substance. The crystal-like substance weighed 3.68 grams and did test positive for methamphetamine.

Inmate Stover was charged with Introduction of Contraband. Her bond for the charge was set at \$5,000.

Later in the day, an inmate who was sentenced to serve weekends only also attempted to introduce contraband.

Intelligence was received that inmate, **Chad Horner W/M DOB/06-05-1984**, would be attempting to smuggle contraband into the facility when he arrived to serve his weekend sentence. Detention Deputies staged in the lobby of the Detention Center to intercept Horner upon his arrival. As Inmate Horner was being escorted into the facility, Deputy P. Baker observed a syringe and a pill, later identified as Hydromorphone Hydrochloride, clutched in Horner's closed fist. Deputy Baker took the contraband away from Horner.

Inmate Horner was charged with Introduction of Contraband. His bond was set at \$2,000.

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.