



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Detectives Make Arrests in Trillium Vehicle Burglaries

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Between the dates of 08-09-18 and 08-10-18, numerous Vehicle Burglaries, including an Armed Vehicle Burglary, occurred in the Trillium subdivision.

District One detectives researched recent pawn transactions, which revealed a pawn transaction conducted by Anthony Michael Becker. During the pawn transaction, Becker pawned several tools (detectives determined the tools had been stolen in one of the Vehicle Burglaries in Trillium).

Detectives responded to the pawn shop in Brooksville and retrieved the original pawn transaction slip. Detectives were able to retrieve the original pawn slip containing the suspect's thumb print, video surveillance of the pawn transaction, and the tools that were pawned (so they could be returned to the rightful owner).

Detectives then responded to 6423 Fairlawn Street in Spring Hill, where contact was made with the suspect, Anthony Becker.

During the interview, Becker admitted to his involvement in the Vehicle Burglaries in Trillium and pawning the tools that the detectives had recently recovered from the pawn shop in Brooksville. Becker also led detectives to additional stolen property (from the burglaries) that was located inside his residence. This evidence was also recovered by detectives, so it could be returned to the owner(s).

**Anthony Michael Becker H/M DOB/12-12-1996** was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- Vehicle Burglary (7 counts)
- Dealing in Stolen property (2 counts)
- Defrauding a Pawn Broker (1 count)

- Bond - \$57,000
- *Violation of Probation*
- *No Bond.*

Becker positively identified other individuals who were involved in the Trillium burglaries as well as other crimes. Detectives continued to follow up on those leads.

On the evening of 08-14-18, detectives conducted surveillance and were able to locate one of the additional named suspects.

With the assistance of K-9, James “Jump” Andrew Williams Jr., was located at 6423 Fairlawn Street in Spring Hill. Williams was immediately placed into custody and transported to the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office for an interview with detectives.

During the interview, Williams confessed to his involvement in the burglaries in Trillium, as well as his involvement in pawning the items at the pawn shop. Also during the interview, Williams confessed to stealing a vehicle from a residence within the city of Brooksville, during the month of July.

**James “Jump” Andrew Williams Jr. B/M DOB/12-11-1990** was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- Grand Theft Auto
- Vehicle Burglary (6 counts)
- Possession of Weapon/Ammo by Convicted Felon
- Dealing in Stolen Property
- Bond – \$52,000
  
- *Violation of Probation*
- *No Bond.*

The investigation continues. Additional arrests are likely.

#### **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.**