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Media Release

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Re: Update - Detectives Take Down Meth House and Chop Shop

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Update

Earlier today, **George “Anton” Jackson** was sentenced to LIFE IN PRISON for the crimes listed below.

Melinda “Mindy” Eastham-Jackson (George Jackson’s wife) was sentenced to 13 years in prison for the crimes listed below.

We are proud of the work that our Vice and Narcotics detectives do to keep Hernando County free of this type of activity and very thankful these criminals have been brought to justice.

“This is a case of a career criminal who has damaged the quality of life here in Hernando County for way too long. Fortunately, due to the hard work of the men and women of the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office, it is unlikely he will victimize another Hernando County citizen. Furthermore, he will be unable to sell poisonous drugs to our citizens,” said Sheriff Al Nienhuis.

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On 09-09-16 at approximately 9 a.m., the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office SWAT Team executed a narcotics search warrant at 25155 Kibler Lane in Brooksville, which is the residence of George Jackson, also known to his peers in the drug world as “Anton.” The search warrant was the result of a lengthy investigation into Jackson that was conducted by detectives of the Vice and Narcotics Unit, as well as detectives from District One. Undercover operatives were able to make three separate purchases of methamphetamines and marijuana from Jackson, out of his residence. Two of the drug deals were facilitated by Jackson’s wife, Melinda “Mindy” Eastham-Jackson.

Jackson is no stranger to law enforcement. He is a registered felon with a long rap sheet that includes Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Battery, Possession and Sale of Meth and Cocaine, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, and Dealing in Stolen Property. His wife Mindy has no known criminal history.

Once the SWAT Team secured the residence, detectives identified four subjects within the large metal, warehouse type structure that was serving as a residence for Jackson. Those subjects were Anton, Mindy, James Golden III, and Jenna Storey.

Pursuant to the search, Vice and Narcotics detectives located over two ounces of crystal methamphetamine, with a street value of approximately \$3000. The quantity of crystal meth that was found carries a punishment of a minimum of seven years in prison and \$100,000 in fines, if found guilty. Detectives also located a trafficking amount of hydromorphone pills (29), oxymorphone pills, and morphine pills. The search also revealed almost nine grams of powder cocaine, multiple pieces of crack cocaine, marijuana, and hash oil. Those items were all located in Anton and Mindy's bedroom.

Detectives found Golden to be in possession of meth and paraphernalia. Storey was also found in possession of meth and paraphernalia.

While narcotics detectives were searching for drugs, detectives from District One and Two were searching the large warehouse and surrounding property for stolen items. They were able to find the frame of an Isuzu SUV that had been reported stolen. Said vehicle had been "chopped" (dismantled). They also found a stolen motorcycle that had serial numbers removed. Given the items that were recovered, Anton was charged with Operating a Chop Shop and Dealing in Stolen Property.

The results of the entire operation resulted in the following charges:

- **George "Anton" Jackson W/M DOB/11-23-1964**
 - o Sale and Possession of Methamphetamine (3 counts)
 - o Sale and Possession of Marijuana
 - o Possession of a Structure for the Purpose of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance (4 counts)
 - o Possession of Paraphernalia (4 counts)
 - o Trafficking in Methamphetamine
 - o Trafficking in Hydromorphone
 - o Possession of Cocaine
 - o Possession of Crack Cocaine
 - o Possession of Marijuana
 - o Possession of Oxymorphone
 - o Possession of Morphine
 - o **Bond - \$136,000.**

- **Melinda "Mindy" Eastham-Jackson W/F DOB/03-24-1982**
 - o Principal to Sale of Methamphetamine (2 counts)
 - o Principal to Sale of Marijuana

- Possession of a Structure for the Purpose of Trafficking in a Controlled Substance (3 counts)
 - Possession of Paraphernalia (4 counts)
 - Trafficking in Methamphetamine
 - Trafficking in Hydromorphone
 - Possession of Cocaine
 - Possession of Crack Cocaine
 - Possession of Marijuana
 - Possession of Oxymorphone
 - Possession of Morphine
 - Possession of Methamphetamine
 - **Bond - \$125,000.**
- **Jenna Storey W/F DOB/04-29-1986**
- Possession of Methamphetamine
 - Possession of Controlled Substance
 - Possession of Paraphernalia
 - **Bond - \$8,000.**
- **James Golden W/M DOB/10-01-1964**
- Possession of Methamphetamine
 - Possession of Paraphernalia
 - **Bond - \$3,000.**

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.