



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Heroin Dealer Sentenced to 35 Years in Prison

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During May of 2016, a package containing numerous individual packets of Heroin was intercepted by U.S. Postal inspectors in New Jersey. The package, which weighed roughly 13 pounds, was being shipped to an address in Spring Hill, FL.

Investigation revealed that Kelvin Johnson resided at the address the package was being shipped to.

Hernando County Vice and Narcotics detective facilitated a controlled purchase of the Heroin from Johnson.

During January of 2017, Johnson and other individuals traveled to New Jersey and back within a 48-hour time period.

During the 48-hour time period, three packages were shipped from New Jersey to an address in Spring Hill, FL. Investigation revealed that the three packages contained miscellaneous items, Cocaine, and Heroin. One package contained a total of 5,000 individually wrapped glassine packets, each being a single dose of Heroin. Each of the packets was stamped with pictures of President Donald Trump, El Chapo, or Pablo Escobar. Another package contained approximately 27 grams of Cocaine.

Detectives identified Johnson's source of supply as well as numerous individuals who were distributing narcotics for Johnson in Hernando County.

The culmination of this nationwide investigation resulted in the arrest of Kelvin Johnson. After standing trial, **Kelvin Johnson B/M DOB/11-01-1970** was found guilty on all charges and was recently sentenced to 35 years in prison. Johnson's charges were as follows:

- Trafficking in Heroin

- Sell/Possession with the Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance (two counts)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (two counts)
- Racketeering
- Possession of a Two-Way Communication Device to Facilitate a Felony
- Habitual Driving While License Suspended/Revoked (two counts).

In order to be most effective in prosecuting cases such as this, detectives must rely on support from and cooperation with the State Attorney's Office. We are pleased to say, we have both. The Hernando County Sheriff's Office will continue to work hand-in-hand with the State Attorney's Office of the Fifth Judicial Circuit to remove drugs and drug dealers from the streets of Hernando County.

**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.**