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Media Release

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Re: Drug Dealer Sentenced to 25 Years in Prison and Fined Almost Two Million Dollars

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In March of 2017, Hernando County Vice and Narcotics detectives received information that Robert Moore of Brooksville was selling large amounts of prescription pills, out of his residence.

An investigation was initiated.

During the investigation, narcotics detectives facilitated multiple hand-to-hand, controlled purchases, for pills and other controlled substances, from Robert Moore at his residence.

As a result of the investigation, detectives obtained a search warrant for Moore's residence. In June of 2017, detectives, along with the HCSO SWAT team and other agency assets, executed a search warrant at Moore's residence.

During the search warrant, detectives located multiple pills, in prescription bottles without labels, firearms, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and U.S. currency (proceeds from previous drug sales).

Robert Moore was located inside the residence and subsequently placed under arrest.

The case investigation information and evidence was recently presented during a jury trial for Moore. The jury presented a GUILTY verdict, and Moore was sentenced as follows:

- **Count 1** – Trafficking in Oxycodone more than 28 Grams but less than 30 Kilograms
 - 15 Years Minimum – Mandatory

- **Count 2** – Trafficking in Hydromorphone more than 28 Grams but less than 30 Kilograms
 - 25 Years Minimum – Mandatory
- **Count 3** - Trafficking in Oxymorphone more than 28 Grams but less than 30 Kilograms
 - 15 Years – Minimum – Mandatory
- **Count 4** – Firearms Charge – Dropped during trial
- **Count 5** – Possession of Methadone
 - Sentenced to Time Served
- **Count 6** – Possession of Alprazolam
 - Sentenced to Time Served
- **Count 7** – Possession of Cannabis
 - Sentenced to Time Served
- **Count 8** – Possession of Paraphernalia
 - Sentenced to Time Served.

It should be noted that Moore received three different prison sentences, for counts one through three. The time will run concurrently; therefore, he will serve 25 years.

Additionally, Moore was fined almost two million dollars.

Again, 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. 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.