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### MEDIA RELEASE

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** HCSO Air Unit Aids in Apprehending Fleeing Drug Suspect

**Date:** January 24, 2019

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On 01-22-19 at 9:18 p.m., deputies observed a gas-powered scooter near the intersection of Cortez Boulevard and WPA Road in Brooksville that was being driven without a license plate attached.

The driver, later identified as, **Kyle Schwieterman W/M DOB/07-26-1995**, initially told deputies he recently purchased the scooter from a friend and proceeded to produce a bill of sale for review.

During questioning, Schwieterman initially gave deputies a false name. While deputies were working to confirm his identity, Schwieterman suddenly fled the area on foot.

Upon closer review of the bill of sale, deputies noticed the name appearing on the paperwork was that of Schwieterman, who had an active Hernando County warrant for violation of drug offender probation. He also has a suspended license.

As Schwieterman fled the area he dropped a backpack that he had been carrying.

Inside the backpack deputies located a digital scale with residue and a plastic bag that contained a crystal-like substance later identified as methamphetamine. Another tin container was also located that contained methadone.

The K-9 Unit and Aviation Unit were called in to assist in the search for Schwieterman.

During the search a citizen living in the area of Gordon Loop approached deputies about a suspicious individual in the area.

Deputies responded to Gordon Loop and the Air Unit was able to locate Schwieterman as he was jumping fences to avoid being spotted by deputies searching for him on the ground.

Following a short chase, Schwieterman was taken into custody in the backyard of a residence where he had been attempting to hide.

In addition to the warrant, Schwieterman was arrested on charges of **Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Methadone, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Felony Driving While License Suspended or Revoked, Resisting without Violence, Providing False Name to Law Enforcement and Residential Burglary.**

Schwieterman was taken to the Hernando County Detention Center where his bond was set at \$24,000.