



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**Re:** Proactive Patrols Net Another Drug Arrest

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In the early morning hours on 02-13-19, deputies conducting proactive patrols in the area of Lake Drive in the Royal Highlands, an area where illegal drug activity is frequently conducted, observed Adam Hamilton riding his bicycle with no lights on it. As riding a bicycle in the dark, with no lights, is an infraction, deputies attempted a traffic stop in the area of Westview Court and Country Road. Hamilton fled on his bicycle into a wooded lot at the intersection.

As deputies followed close behind Hamilton, Hamilton fell off his bicycle in the wooded lot. After falling off the bicycle, Hamilton attempted to run from the deputies. The deputies caught Hamilton after a very short foot pursuit, as Hamilton fell down three times as he was attempting to flee.

As Hamilton was being taken into custody, deputies located a baggie of methamphetamine. He was charged with Resisting Arrest w/o Violence and Possession of Methamphetamine. His bond was set at \$3,000.

Hernando County deputies have been dealing with Hamilton for many years. He has been tied to crimes such as Burglary, Battery, Grand Theft, Uttering Forged Check, etc.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis said, "These proactive drug arrests assure that, at least while Hamilton is in jail, he will not be able to victimize any innocent Hernando County residents."

#### **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.