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Media Release

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Re: Proactive Patrol Efforts Yield Another Drug Arrest

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On 03-03-19 at approximately 3 p.m., Deputy William Harsanyi was conducting proactive patrol efforts in the area of Toucan Trail in Spring Hill when he observed a green Chevrolet Avalanche that appeared to be travelling above the posted speed limit of 30 mph.

Harsanyi conducted a Traffic Stop on the driver of the Avalanche at Toucan Trail and Parlow Avenue.

While speaking with the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, Anthony Luparell, Harsanyi detected an overpowering odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. When asked, Luparell openly admitted that he had marijuana in the center console of the vehicle.

Luparell was detained and advised of his rights.

A search of Luparell's vehicle was conducted which yielded two plastic baggies of a green leafy substance. The green leafy substance later tested positive for the presence of THC. The total weight of the contents of both baggies was 1.03 grams.

Also in the center console was an ibuprofen bottle that contained multiple plastic baggies, one of which contained several pills. The pills were identified as follows:

Alprazolam 1 mg – 4 pills
Oxycodone 10mg – 1 pill
Oxycodone 7 mg – 1 pill.

Luparell did not possess a prescription for any of the items.

The ibuprofen bottle also contained a baggie with trace amounts of white residue inside. The white residue later tested positive for cocaine.

Another baggie was located in the vehicle with a white powdery substance inside. The powdery substance tested positive for cocaine; Luparell admitted that it was cocaine. The combined weight of the white powdery substance was 0.93 grams.

Deputies also located two smoking pipes and two vials (for a vape pen) with only an oily substance inside. Luparell admitted that the substance would contain THC. The oil did test positive for THC and weighed 15.64 grams.

Anthony James Dominic Luparell W/M DOB/02-05-1978 was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center and charged as follows:

- Possession of Controlled Substance
- Possession of Controlled Substance
- Possession of Cocaine
- Possession of Hashish
- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bond - \$12,000.

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.