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Media Release

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Re: Deputies Searching for Armed Man in Brooksville

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On 05-07-19 at 12:43 p.m., Hernando County deputies were dispatched to the area of 925 Ponce de Leon Boulevard in Brooksville regarding a **Suspicious Incident**.

A caller advised dispatchers that a neighbor came to the residence stating that a male was at the neighbor's house with a gun. Deputies were dispatched to the scene.

Upon arrival at what was believed to be a **Domestic Dispute**, a male fled from deputies. Multiple commands were given by deputies for the male to "stop" – the male failed to comply with said commands.

As the suspect was fleeing, deputies observed what was believed to be a firearm in his hand. Deputies also observed the male holding, then discarding, a bag of drugs (which was located with another small baggie). The bags of drugs contained a crystal-like substance, believed to be methamphetamine and a green leafy substance, believed to be marijuana.

Numerous deputies and K-9 units searched by ground, while the HCSO Aviation Unit assisted from the air.

The suspect who fled has been identified as:

Anthony "Andy" M. Rodgers
W/M
DOB/07-03-1992
Blue Shirt
Tan Shorts.

Currently, Rodgers, a convicted Felon, faces charges of:

- Possession of Methamphetamine

- Resist Arrest w/o Violence
- Additional charges pending.

After an extensive search, deputies were unable to locate Rodgers.

If you have information regarding his whereabouts, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830.

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.