



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Man Arrested for Possessing Firearms in Violation of Risk Protection Order

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In February 2019, a detective in the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Intelligence Unit was assigned to investigate a complaint regarding a threat made via social media to commit a mass shooting. The threat was posted by Larry Morelli Jr.

As a result of the investigation, a search warrant was executed at the residence Morelli lived in at that time, on Montford Circle in Spring Hill.

Morelli was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- Written Threats to Kill
- Possession of Hashish
- Possession of Marijuana
- Possession of Paraphernalia

As a result of the threat and subsequent investigation, the detective was able to obtain a Risk Protection Order (RPO) for Morelli. The RPO restricts Morelli from possessing, selling, receiving, and/or purchasing firearms for a period of one year.

Between 07-31-19 and 09-05-19, the HCSO received several anonymous tips in regards to Morelli possessing and advertising (for sale) several firearms, via social media.

Detectives quickly acted on said tips and began another investigation. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Morelli, along with the execution of a search warrant at his current residence of 10283 Gear Hope Street in Weeki Wachee.

**During a search of the residence, detectives located the following:**

- 4 Firearms
  - Eagle Arms AR-15 Rifle
  - Core 15 AR-15 Rifle w/Scope
  - Mossberg 12 Gauge Shotgun
  - F12 Magazine fed 12 Gauge Shotgun
- Ammunition
  - 412 various type rounds
- Marijuana – 625.9 grams
- Hashish Wax – 102.6 grams
- THP Vape Pens – 156 pens
- Steroid Vials – 8
- Suboxone Dose (8mg) – 1
- Glass Pipe w/ Marijuana Residue
- Scale w/Marijuana Residue

**Larry Morelli DOB/08-18-19965** was arrested on scene and charged as follows:

- Violation of Risk Protection Order – 5 counts
- Person Engaged in Criminal Offense/Having Weapons – 5 counts
- Possession of Hashish With Intent To Sell
- Possession of Marijuana With Intent To Sell
- Possession of Controlled Substance (Suboxone)
- Possession of Paraphernalia

The investigation continues. Additional arrests are pending.

**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, ran unopposed in 2016, and remains accountable to them.**