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### Media Release

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**Re:** Vice and Narcotics Search Warrant - 13458 Tyringham Street - 2020-03443

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On 01-30-2020, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit, in conjunction with the Major Case Unit, executed a Search Warrant at 13458 Tyringham Street in Spring Hill. The investigation involved Brooks Clark, 16 years of age.

The investigation began on 11-21-19 when Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Amero Lane and Diane Street in Spring Hill regarding an Aggravated Battery. Upon arrival, deputies learned that two males who were walking in the area observed a white BMW pass by them. The driver turned around and was about to pass them again when the driver of the BMW leaned out of the driver's window and began shooting at one of the males, striking him in the face (very close to his L eye), his left arm, and his back. It was later determined the "gun" was a bb gun. The driver then left the area. The victim did suffer injuries from the incident, including bleeding and lacerations.

The victim told deputies that he recognized the driver/person who shot him, identifying him as **Brooks Clark W/M DOB/09-10-03**.

As previously posted on the HCSO Facebook page (12-11-19), deputies conducted a Traffic Stop on the white BMW on Tyringham Street on 12-11-19. The BMW was being operated by Brooks Clark. At the time of the stop, deputies detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle and conducted a probable cause search. During said search, deputies located 4.18 grams of marijuana, 12 THC cartridges, and miscellaneous drug paraphernalia. Additionally, Brooks Clark had over \$3200 on his person. Clark was charged according and cited for Driving without a License.

On 01-30-2020, detectives obtained a Juvenile Pickup Order for Clark in reference to the Aggravated Battery.

Detectives responded to Clark's address on Tyringham Street and knocked on the door several times. No one answered the door.

When Clark believed all of the detectives had left his residence, he came outside to check. At that time, detectives who had remained concealed attempted to take Clark into custody. Clark resisted arrest but was taken into custody without incident.

During this encounter, detectives detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from inside the residence. The residence was secured, and a narcotics Search Warrant was obtained by the Vice and Narcotics Unit, for a search of the residence.

During a search of the residence, detectives located the items below in Brooks Clark's bedroom:

- 1,067.8 grams of marijuana
- 56.3 grams of hashish
- 54 vape pens
- 141.5 grams of Alprazolam
- 3.3 grams of Hydrocodone
- 37.1 grams of MDMA
- 2 handguns
- 235 rounds of ammunition
- 3 BB guns
- \$8,284 U.S. currency.

**Brooks Clark W/M DOB/09-10-13** was placed under arrest for the aforementioned Pickup Order (Aggravated Battery). Clark refused to speak to detectives regarding that case. Clark was subsequently charged with the following:

- Trafficking in MDMA
- Possession of Marijuana w/Intent to Sell
- Possession of Hashish w/Intent to Sell
- Possession of Alprazolam w/Intent to Sell
- Possession of Controlled Substance
- Possession of Paraphernalia.

Clark was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center and later transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice/Detention Center in Ocala.

This case is still active with additional charges 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.**