



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Re: Traffic Stop in Spring Hill Leads to Multiple Drug Arrests

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On 05-27-2020 at 2:03 a.m., Hernando County sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop on a driver who ran a red light at the intersection of Mariner Boulevard and Cortez Boulevard.

Upon walking up to the vehicle, deputies immediately detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from within the vehicle.

The driver, identified as **Brenden Walker B/M DOB/08-04-1996**, told deputies he did not have his driver's license in his possession. While checking Walker's information the deputy noticed two passengers, **Trayonn Thomas B/M DOB/03-19-1999** and **Gianna Dicono W/F DOB/06-24-2002**, fidgeting in their seats.

Upon asking Walker to exit the vehicle the deputy not only detected the smell of burnt marijuana, but also a box of ammunition in the floorboard area of the front passenger seat.

Deputies also found marijuana in Walker's possession.

None of the passengers in the back seat had any identification. All five individuals in the vehicle denied possessing or smoking marijuana. Deputies conducted a search of the vehicle where they discovered an unloaded handgun in the glovebox. Deputies also located a bag on the front floorboard that contained marijuana, cash, and a scale. An open bottle of alcohol was also found in the vehicle.

In the center console the deputy located Walker's wallet and driver's license along with two 9mm magazines, one of which contained five bullets.

Walker informed deputies that the firearm found in the center console along with the alcohol, two magazines, ammunition, and the marijuana found in his possession belonged to him.

Walker indicated the bag containing marijuana, cash and a scale belonged to Thomas.

Deputies then searched Dicono's purse. In the purse deputies found a black face mask and an unloaded revolver.

Dicono initially denied ownership of the revolver and mask found in her purse. Later Dicono told deputies one of the other passengers in the vehicle asked her to hide the revolver as they were being pulled over by deputies.

That passenger denied Dicono's claim about asking her to hide a gun.

Three individuals were arrested as follows:

- **Gianna Dicono – Carrying a Concealed Firearm. Bond \$2,000.**
- **Brenden Walker – Possession of Marijuana. Bond \$1,000.**
- **Trayonn Thomas – Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Paraphernalia. Bond \$3,000.**

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