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Media Release

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Re: HCSO Arrests Spring Hill Man on Numerous Drug Charges

Date: July 23, 2020

On 07-17-2020, members of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit executed a narcotics search warrant at an apartment located at 7128 Barclay Avenue.

During the search, detectives located 5.4 grams of methamphetamine, 2 grams of marijuana, 2.2 grams of Buprenorphine, three Naloxone patches, seven Oxycodone pills, and 1.2 grams of Hydrocodone. All of these drugs were located in the suspect's bedroom.

In the living room, deputies located 1 gram of Tramadol and .8 grams of marijuana.

Additionally, deputies also located a 12-gauge shotgun round, multiple smoking pipes and scales.

Joseph John Kelly DOB/01-20-1963, was arrested on charges of multiple counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance without a Prescription, Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon, Possession of Methamphetamine with the Intent to Sell, and Possession of Marijuana.

Kelly indicated he is the sole occupant of the apartment and was selling methamphetamine out of the apartment.

Kelly was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where his bond was set at \$62,000.

In two unrelated cases, Kelly was also arrested and charged with Possessing Drug Equipment, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell, the Sale of Marijuana, Renting a Structure for the Purpose of Selling Drugs, and two counts of the Use of a Two-Way Device to Facilitate a Felony.

His bond on these charges was set at \$56,000.

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.