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Media Release

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Re: Miami Couple Arrested in Organized Fraud Investigation in Spring Hill

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Security personnel at Cellular Sales Corporate contacted the Hernando County Sheriff's Office in regards to possible identity theft occurring at a Spring Hill authorized dealer.

Security personnel indicated an employee was helping two individuals identified as **Joshua Lorenzo DOB/08-27-1998** and **Jolena Montano DOB/08-20-1999** obtain numerous cell phones using fraudulent identities.

An investigation ensued, and on Aug. 28 the two suspects were arrested when they arrived at the Verizon Authorized Retailer – Cellular Sales store located at 4160 Commercial Way to pick up the phones.

Lorenzo faces charges of **Grand Theft over \$20,000, Organized Fraud over \$20,000, Criminal Use of Personal Identification Information, and Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device**. His bond was set at \$24,000.

Montano was charged with **Organized Fraud over \$20,000**. Her bond was set at \$15,000.

The employee will likely face **Organized Fraud** charges, pending further investigation.

The suspects, who reside in Miami, had their vehicle towed from the business. Detectives noted a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. Both Lorenzo and Montano indicated there was marijuana inside the vehicle. Detectives plan to obtain a search warrant to examine the contents of the vehicle.

The investigation is ongoing, and additional charges are pending further investigation.

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 was re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.