



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Traffic Stop Leads to Two Arrests for Possession of Methamphetamine and Fentanyl

**Date:** December 2, 2020

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On 12-02-2020 at 12:52 a.m., a Hernando County Sheriff's deputy on proactive patrol conducted a traffic stop on the driver of a vehicle traveling on Commercial Way.

The driver was identified as **Julio Feliciano H/M DOB/01-11-1987** using the Florida Identification Card he provided. Feliciano indicated his driver's license was suspended.

A query of his license indicated it had been suspended since 2009 for Driving Under the Influence.

A passenger, **Melissa Croy W/F DOB 07-06-1979**, was also detained at the scene.

Deputy G. Locke and his K-9 partner Argo soon arrived on scene to perform a drug sniff of the vehicle.

Argo quickly alerted to the presence of narcotics.

Upon searching Feliciano, deputies located two clear baggies, one of which contained a white crystal substance later identified as methamphetamine.

Feliciano was arrested on charges of **Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Knowingly Driving while License is Suspended/Revoked.**

Deputies then searched Croy and found several items that tested positive for fentanyl and methamphetamine.

Croy was charged with **Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.**

Both Feliciano and Croy were transported to the Hernando County Detention Center.

Feliciano's bond was set at \$8,000, while Croy's bond was set at \$16,000.

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