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Media Release

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Re: Citrus County Man Charged in Hernando County Burglary Spree

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An ongoing investigation into a series of burglaries occurring over a 4-month period recently culminated in an arrest.

On 04-16-2021, **David Miller DOB/07-31-1974** was arrested in Spring Hill on two counts of **Burglary of a Conveyance** and three counts of **Burglary of a Structure**.

Miller remains incarcerated at the Hernando County Detention Center on a no bond status.

The investigation started on 12-19-2020 when an unknown suspect driving a white Chevrolet Trax burglarized a commercial trailer located in the Goodwill parking lot located at 4750 Commercial Way.

A second incident was reported on 02-07-2021 where an unknown suspect driving a white Chevrolet Trax burglarized a commercial trailer in the parking lot of Prodigy I.T. located at 8358 Forest Oaks Boulevard.

A third incident was reported on 03-02-2021 where an unknown suspect driving a white Chevrolet Trax burglarized a commercial vehicle parked in the parking lot of Crosby's Billiards and Darts Supply LLC located at 5110 Commercial Way.

Utilizing images captured from various surveillance video, an alert was generated to deputies detailing the suspect's vehicle.

On 03-24-2021, a deputy advised he possibly located the vehicle used in the burglaries.

The deputy observed the vehicle in the 4300 block of Commercial Way. The driver of the vehicle, Miller, had run out of gas.

The deputy assisted Miller in obtaining gas for the vehicle.

While helping Miller the deputy observed several distinguishable characteristics from Miller's vehicle that matched the suspect's vehicle description in the alert.

Miller informed the deputy that while he drove the vehicle, the vehicle was actually registered to his girlfriend.

After gathering the needed investigative information for detectives, Miller, who lives in Citrus County, was permitted to leave the area.

Detectives used this information and later were able to take Miller into custody on 04-16-2021 in connection with a warrant for failure to appear on a drug paraphernalia charge out of Citrus County.

Investigation revealed Miller and his girlfriend are the only two people who operate the vehicle in question.

Miller's girlfriend advised Miller would randomly come home with various items such as tools and electronics. Detectives were able to locate several stolen items in the motel room in Citrus County where Miller and his girlfriend were residing. These items were from recently reported residential burglaries in Hernando County.

Detectives in Citrus County were also able to confirm a burglary in their jurisdiction through evidence obtained at the scene.

Deputies were able to charge Miller with the burglaries tied to the Chevrolet Trax.

Detectives are continuing their investigation to determine if there are additional victims in Hernando or Citrus counties.

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 reelected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.