



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Brooksville Woman Charged with Trafficking in Methamphetamine

**Date:** May 26, 2021

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On 05-25-2021 at 9:46 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to a residence on BW Stevenson Road in Brooksville in reference to locating a wanted person.

When deputies arrived on scene, they located **Marissa McConnell DOB/02-01-1993**, sitting in the driver's seat of a parked vehicle.

McConnell was immediately taken into custody on a charge of **Driving with a Suspended License** in connection with a previous investigation.

While on scene, deputies observed a syringe in the driver's side door. There was also a backpack in proximity to where McConnell was sitting.

In the backpack, deputies located three syringes, a scale, a plastic dish, and two baggies of a crystal-like substance that field-tested positive for methamphetamine.

In the center console of the vehicle, deputies located a wallet containing a circular container with a brown residue that field-tested positive for heroin. A baggie of heroin was also found in the wallet. Various drug paraphernalia was also found at the scene.

In all, deputies located 88 grams of methamphetamine and 9.3 grams of heroin in McConnell's possession.

McConnell was charged with two counts of **Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Trafficking in a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia**.

McConnell was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where her bond was set at \$73,000.

## **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.**