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Media Release

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Re: Sex Offender On the Run for 21 Years Arrested in Spring Hill

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On 05-25-21, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office received information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) regarding an absconded Sex Offender who was possibly residing at an address in Hernando County.

The case was assigned to Major Case detectives, who immediately opened an investigation.

Investigation revealed the individual in question, David Swenson, was in fact an absconded Sex Offender from the state of California. Detectives also discovered that Swenson had active warrants for his arrest for failing to register as a Sex Offender in California in 2000. Unfortunately, California authorities declined to extradite (bring him back to their own jurisdiction to answer for the crime).

Detectives learned that Swenson was using an identity/name of Kevin Crowley and was living with his wife at 12741 Linden Drive in Spring Hill.

Using various databases available to law enforcement, detectives discovered Swenson recently obtained a fishing license in Spring Hill, using the name Kevin Crowley and the two motor vehicles, a camper, and a boat on the property at the Linden Drive address were all registered to Crowley's wife, Kathleen Crowley.

A review of HCSO records show deputies had contact with Swenson one time in 2009, when responding to the residence on Linden Drive for a call for service. Swenson, who was located hiding in the attic/crawl space, provided the false name of Crowley during the encounter. Deputies issued Swenson a Notice to Appear (in court) under the false name of Kevin Crowley. The case was abandoned by the court system, due to a pre-trial diversion.

Detectives queried the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) system and found that Swenson never obtained a driver's license or ID card under his own

name or the name of Kevin Crowley; nor did he register in the state of Florida as a Sex Offender.

Detectives responded to the residence and made contact with the wife, Kathleen. Kathleen confirmed that Swenson did reside there but advised he was riding his bicycle in the neighborhood.

Detectives, with assistance from the HCSO Aviation Unit, searched the neighborhood and surrounding areas and were unable to locate Swenson.

A short time later, the HCSO Aviation Unit spotted Swenson walking on the bike trail near Anderson Snow Park. Detectives responded and made contact with the individual who confirmed his identity as David Swenson. Swenson was placed into custody.

During an interview with detectives, Swenson stated he wanted to “end his time on the run.” Swenson further advised he had “been on the run for 21 years” and has lived in Spring Hill the entire time. Swenson admitted to absconding from California and failing to register in Florida.

David Swenson DOB/07-05-1967 (AKA/Kevin Crowley) was charged as follows:

- Failure to Register as Sex Offender
- No Bond.

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.