



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

From: Michael Terry
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Re: Vice and Narcotics Search Warrant – 3405 Everett Avenue

Date: August 18, 2021

During the early morning hours of 08-18-2021, the Hernando County Vice and Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant at 3405 Everett Avenue in Spring Hill.

An investigation spanning several months confirmed narcotics activity had been occurring at this address. During execution of the search warrant, numerous narcotics, weapons, and U.S. currency were located; to include:

- 61.4 grams of Methamphetamine
- 2.2 grams of LSD
- 53.1 grams of Oxycodone Hydrochloride pills
- 652.7 grams of Xanax pills
- 6.7 grams of Alprazolam pills
- 6 Firearms (Various)
- \$1,311 in U.S. Currency

Joshua Sheffield DOB/01-12-1996 was arrested and charged as follows in relation to the search warrant:

- Trafficking in Methamphetamine (over 28 grams)
- Trafficking in LSD (over 1 gram)
- Trafficking in Oxycodone Hydrochloride (over 28 grams)
- Possession of Controlled Substance (XANAX)
- Possession of Controlled Substance (Alprazolam)
- Possession of Structure for Sale of Controlled Substance with a Minor Present
- Possession of Paraphernalia

In connection with this investigation, Sheffield will also be charged with multiple counts of the offenses below:

- Possession/sale of a Controlled Substance within 1,000 feet of a Daycare/School (Oxycodone Hydrochloride)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Oxycodone Hydrochloride) with Intent to Sell
- Possession/sale of a Controlled Substance within 1000 feet of a Daycare/School (Alprazolam)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Alprazolam) with Intent to Sell
- Possession of Structure for Sale of Controlled Substance with a Minor Present
- Unlawful use of a Two-Way Communication Device
- Possession of Paraphernalia

Sheffield was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being detained in lieu of a \$969,000 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.