



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

From: Michael Terry
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Re: Brooksville Man Charged with Trafficking in Methamphetamine – 2022-32105

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The Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit was recently notified of a large quantity of narcotics that was destined for a residence in Hernando County.

Subsequent investigation confirmed that approximately one pound of methamphetamine was currently at a residence in Brooksville.

Probable cause was developed for a search warrant at 7495 Mitchell Road. On 10-28-2022, a residential search warrant was executed at that location.

Kristopher Griswold DOB/10-19-1970 was located at the residence during the execution of the search warrant and was found in possession of the following items:

- Approximately 1.01 pounds of Methamphetamine (approximate street value of \$4,000)
- Approximately 1.7 grams of Fentanyl
- Approximately 2.3 grams of Marijuana
- Approximately 1 gram of Codeine in pill form
- Drug paraphernalia to include digital scales, syringes, smoking pipes and baggies for packaging narcotics.

Griswold is a convicted felon and has prior arrests for **Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving While License Suspended.**

As a result of the illegal items located during the search warrant, Griswold was placed under arrest and transported to the Hernando County Detention Center for the following offenses:

- **Trafficking in Methamphetamine (over 200 grams)**

- Possession of Fentanyl
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Codeine)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of Marijuana under 20 grams

Griswold bond was initially set at \$122,000.

Further investigation is forthcoming.

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.