



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: Vice & Narcotics Search Warrant – 11322 Roland Street – 2022-32530

Date: December 5, 2022

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit was recently made aware of a possible narcotics dealer who was selling fentanyl within Hernando County.

Subsequent investigation revealed that Javier Montanez-Cantres DOB/04-13-1970 was residing at 11322 Roland Street in Spring Hill, and was the person who was dealing the illegal narcotics from the residence.

An undercover operation was initiated which resulted in Montanez-Cantres selling fentanyl to undercover operatives.

On 12-02-2022, a search warrant was executed at the residence. A search of the residence revealed the following items in Montanez-Cantres' possession:

- 233 grams of Fentanyl (1/2 pound)
- 93.6 grams of Cocaine (3.3 ounces)
- 1310 grams of Marijuana (2.9 pounds)
- 1 THC Vape Pen (hashish)
- Drug Paraphernalia (to include scales to weigh the substances for distribution)
- 3 firearms (one of which was stolen)
- Hundreds of rounds of ammunition
- \$3,840 in cash

Montanez-Cantres is a convicted felon whose criminal history includes narcotics offenses and violent crimes, to include weapons offenses and attempted murder.

As a result of the items located during the search warrant, he has been charged with the following offenses:

- **Armed Trafficking in Fentanyl**
- **Armed Trafficking in Cocaine**
- **Possession of Structure for Sale of Controlled Substance**
- **Grand Theft of a Firearm**
- **Possession of Firearm by Felon**
- **Possession of Ammunition by Felon**
- **Possession of Hashish**
- **Possession of Marijuana over 20 grams**
- **Possession of Paraphernalia**

Bond -- \$361,000

Montanez-Cantres was also arrested and charged for the following offenses relating to the sale and distribution of narcotics:

2022-24491

- **Sale of Fentanyl**
- **Possession of Fentanyl with Intent to Sell**
- **Person in Possession of a Structure for the Purpose of Sale of a Controlled Substance**
- **Unlawful use of a Two-Way Communication Device**
- **Possession of Paraphernalia**

Bond -- \$46,000

2022-25232

- **Sale of Fentanyl**
- **Possession of Fentanyl with Intent to Sell**
- **Person in Possession of a Structure for the Purpose of Sale of a Controlled Substance**
- **Unlawful use of a Two-Way Communication Device**
- **Possession of Paraphernalia**

Bond -- \$46,000

2022-32469

- **Sale of Fentanyl**
- **Possession of Fentanyl with Intent to Sell**
- **Person in Possession of a Structure for the Purpose of Sale of a Controlled Substance**
- **Unlawful use of a Two-Way Communication Device**
- **Possession of Paraphernalia**

Bond -- \$46,000

Total bond for all cases – \$499,000.

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.