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Media Release

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Re: Man Arrested for Possession of Child Pornography - 2022-33184

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On 11-06-22, deputies responded to a residence in Spring Hill regarding obscene material that had been observed on a cell phone.

Upon arrival, deputies met with the caller who advised, his friend and former co-worker, Jody Fletcher, had recently stopped over to visit. When Fletcher left the residence, the caller noticed Fletcher's cell phone had been left behind.

The caller decided to play a joke on Fletcher and make the phone's wallpaper a photo of the caller.

As the phone was not protected by a PIN, the caller was able to access the applications.

The caller took a picture of himself and proceeded to attempt to change the wallpaper. While accessing the photos, to obtain the photo he took of himself, the caller observed numerous images of child pornography.

The caller immediately contacted the HCSO.

Upon arrival, deputies took possession of the cell phone and placed it into evidence.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for the cell phone. Upon examination, approximately 74 images of child pornography were located on the device.

Detectives then obtained a warrant for the arrest of Jody Fletcher and a search warrant for his residence to seize any electronic devices that may contain pornographic images.

On 12-07-22, detectives executed the search warrant on Fletcher's residence and the arrest warrant on Fletcher. Three computers were seized from the residence.

Fletcher declined to speak with detectives about the investigation.

Jody William Fletcher DOB/06-06-1967 was charged as follows:

- Possession of Obscene Material (10 or more child pornography images)
- Use of a Two-Way Device to Facilitate a Felony
- Bond - \$7,000.

Fletcher bonded out of jail later the same day.

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!

Hernando County Crime Stoppers can be reached by phone at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or **TIPS from a cell phone.

You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> .

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!

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.