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Media Release

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Re: Man on Bicycle Arrested for Trafficking Illegal Narcotics – 2023-02582

Date: January 25, 2023

On 01-23-2023 at approximately 9:10 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies, D. Hadsell and D. Barlow, were conducting proactive patrols in the area of Damac Estates in Brooksville when they observed a male riding a bicycle with no light(s) on it.

The deputies conducted a Traffic Stop on the bicycle at Canal Drive and Carol Drive. The bicycle rider was issued a verbal warning for the equipment violation.

The deputies then asked the rider if he would consent to a search of his person, to which he replied, "I have a little bit of weed on me." He then pulled a baggie, containing a green leafy substance, from his left front pocket. Along with that baggie, another baggie, which contained a white crystal-like substance, came out of his pocket. The rider attempted to conceal the second baggie by holding it in a closed fist.

The bicycle rider, identified as Joseph Revell, was placed into custody.

A search of Revell's person revealed a small headphones case in his waistband. Inside the case, deputies located a cut straw that contained a crystal-like residue, a clear baggy containing a white powder-like substance, and a pill, later determined to be Oxycodone. One additional baggie, containing a white crystal-like substance, was located in Revell's left pocket.

The green leafy substance field tested positive for the presence of THC and weighed 3.4 grams. The white crystal-like substance, the residue on the straw, and the contents of the last baggie all tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine and weighed 5.2 grams and

0.9 grams, respectively. The white powder-like substance tested positive for the presence of Fentanyl and weighed 5.8 grams, which is over the trafficking amount of 4 grams.

Joseph Nathan Revell DOB/06-07-1979, was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center and charged as follows:

- Trafficking in Fentanyl
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Controlled Substance (Oxycodone)
- Possession of Paraphernalia
- Possession of Marijuana
- No Bond (due to being a Registered Sex Offender).

Revell told deputies he was transporting the drugs "for a friend."

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.