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### Media Release

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Re: Sex Offender Arrested for Failure to Renew Florida ID Card – 2023-39422

Date: January 04, 2024

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On 1-03-2024, **Sex Offender James Heath Martin/DOB 06-22-1983**, was arrested for failing to renew his Florida driver's license and/or ID card as required.

Martin was found guilty in 2008, in Hernando County, Florida for **Lewd or Lascivious Molestation Victim 12-15 Years Old, Offender 18 or Older**. This conviction designated Martin as a sexual offender in the state of Florida with registration requirements.

On 12-14-2023, Martin had responded to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to comply with registration requirements, where it was found that his Florida ID card had been expired since 06-06-2022 (a period of 18 months). Martin acknowledged knowing that his Florida ID card was expired and advised he would renew his ID card before Christmas Day (12-25-2023).

On 01-03-2024, Detective Marcacci conducted a system search, which revealed Martin's Florida ID card was still expired and had not been renewed.

With Martin failing to renew his Florida identification card as required, this placed him in violation of the sex offender registration requirements.

Detective Marcacci then made contact with Martin at his residence where he seized the expired Florida ID card and placed Martin under arrest for the following charge:

- Failure to Maintain, Acquire, or Renew a Driver License or ID Card

Martin was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being held on a no bond status.

***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!***