

Media Release

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Re: Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest of Two Spring Hill Men - 202400211462

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On 07-26-2024, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies conducted a stop for a traffic violation on a vehicle traveling northbound on Commercial Way. The driver of the vehicle was identified as **Nick Albert Crescitelli, DOB/08-15-1978** and the passenger was identified as **Joseph Alan Watkins, DOB/10-05-1987**.

During the stop, a K9 unit was present and conducted a sniff-test of the vehicle. The K9 alerted to the presence of narcotics.

A search of the vehicle yielded plastic baggies containing trafficking amounts of Methamphetamine as well as smaller amounts of Crack Cocaine which were located in the back pocket of the driver's seat.

As a result of the investigation and interviews, post Miranda, probable cause was established for both subjects.

Crescitelli was placed under arrest, transported to the Hernando County Detention Center and charged as follows:

- **Trafficking Methamphetamine**
- **Possession of a Controlled Substance**
- **Possession of Paraphernalia**

Crescitelli's bond was set at \$6,000.

As a result of the traffic stop, a wants and warrants check revealed that **Watkins** had an active warrant for failure to pay child support. Watkins was charged as follows:

- Trafficking Methamphetamine
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Paraphernalia
- Contempt of Court – Child Support (no bond)

Watkins is being held without bond.



Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

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

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