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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** HCSO Vice Unit Take More Guns and Drugs off the Streets

**Date:** October 15, 2012

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On Friday, 10-12-12, detectives from the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit made contact with John Spooner, W/M DOB/06-03-1980, at the Hampton Inn located at 1344 Commercial Way in Spring Hill.

Detectives had knowledge that Spooner had outstanding warrants for his arrest. There were two warrants from Hernando County for Sale and Possession of Methamphetamine and Conspiracy to Sell Methamphetamine and a Hillsborough County warrant for Violation of Probation.

Once Spooner checked out of the hotel and prepared to load his "bags" into his vehicle, detectives placed him under arrest for the outstanding warrants. A search of his personal belongings, incident to the arrest, yielded a trafficking amount of Oxycodone, a small amount of Methamphetamine, a small amount of Hydromorphone, **two loaded handguns**, \$9,922.22 in U.S. currency, and various items of drug paraphernalia.

Spoooner's companion, Brandi Maley, W/F DOB/09-27-1986, was found to be in possession of illegal narcotics as well (Alprazolam). She was also placed under arrest.

A search warrant was then executed at 212 Broad St (Apt # 2 – Mary Ann Apartments) in Masaryktown, where Spooner has been staying and selling Methamphetamine. Inside the apartment, detectives located a small amount of Methamphetamine, **four handguns, two short-barreled shotguns, one rifle, one bulletproof vest** and numerous items of drug paraphernalia. Another female was located at the apartment, Patricia Manley, W/F DOB 07-07-1990. She was also placed under arrest.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis said, "This individual was deeply involved in the lifestyle that accompanies drug dealing. This lifestyle often leads dealers to use, or be in fear of,

violence. Mr. Spooner was a perfect example. My detectives knew that Mr. Spooner was **very well armed** and that it was only a matter of time before someone was going to be injured. I must give my Vice and Narcotics Unit a lot of credit. Although they waited until a suitable and safe time to take Mr. Spooner into custody, they were still able to take this thug off the streets before any innocent people were injured by this well-armed criminal.”

Below is a complete list of charges for each of the subjects arrested in this case:

**John Spooner W/M DOB/06-03-1980**

- Trafficking in Oxycodone
- Possession of Methamphetamine (4 counts)
- Sale of Methamphetamine (2 counts)
- Conspiracy to Sell Methamphetamine
- Possession of Hydromorphone
- Possession of Short Barreled Shotgun (2 counts)
- Violation of Domestic Violence Injunction/Possession of Firearms (2 counts)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (4 counts)
- BOND for Narcotics Charges - \$127,000
- NO BOND for Violations of Domestic Violence Injunctions

**Brandi Maley W/F DOB/09-27-1986**

- Possession of Alprazolam
- BOND - \$2,500

**Patricia Manley W/F DOB/07-01-1990**

- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- BOND - \$5,500

All subjects were transported to the Hernando County Detention Center. John Spooner's 1998 Ford Explorer was towed to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office impound, pending service of a search warrant on 10-15-2012.