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Media Release

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Re: Pair Lands in Jail on Charges of Reckless Driving in Spring Hill

Date: December 22, 2020

On 12-19-2020 at 10 p.m., a deputy on proactive patrol in the area of Commercial Way and Timber Pines Drive observed two vehicles traveling north at a high rate of speed.

The deputy activated his agency-issued radar, which displayed a speed of 78 mph for the driver of a Subaru WRX and 102 mph for the operator of a green motorcycle.

The deputy located the vehicles stopped at a traffic light located at Commercial Way and Berkley Manor Boulevard.

The light turned green, and both vehicles accelerated at a high rate of speed.

The deputy once again activated his radar, which displayed a speed of 127 mph for both vehicles, which were side by side, as they drove away.

The deputy was able to locate the vehicles stopped at Commercial Way and Northcliffe Boulevard where he conducted a traffic stop on the drivers of both vehicles.

The operator of the motorcycle was identified as **Alejandro Fernandez-Perez DOB/01-18-1993**.

Perez advised the deputy he knew the reason for the traffic stop. Perez said he believed he was traveling 100 mph.

The driver of the Subaru WRX was identified as **Nicholas Maier DOB/02-09-1998**. Maier advised he was traveling 120 mph.

Perez and Maier were each issued a traffic citation for **Reckless Driving**.

Both suspects were transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where they were each held on a \$1,000 bond.

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.