



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** HCSO Utilizes Special Operation to Target Illegal Narcotics and Gun Violence

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During the months of May and June, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office conducted a special operation targeting illegal narcotic activity and gun violence occurring throughout the county.

The special operation started on May 31<sup>st</sup> and ended on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Those taking part in the special operation included intelligence detectives, school resource deputies, district detectives, K-9 deputies, proactive deputies from District 2, and community policing deputies.

The special operation generated 353 traffic stops in the areas where these incidents were taking place. Our efforts resulted in 51 arrests.

Of those 51 arrests, 17 were for felonies, 27 for misdemeanors, and seven for active warrants.

Some of the illegal narcotics confiscated during the arrests included Marijuana, Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, and Cocaine.

Additionally, deputies were also able to work with detectives to identify and arrest a group of juveniles that were involved in a spree of vehicle burglaries, in various neighborhoods, throughout Spring Hill.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office plans to conduct similar operations in the near future.

**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.