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Media Release

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Re: K-9 Argo Aids in Locating Illegal Narcotics during Traffic Stop – 2022-19596

Date: July 5, 2022

On 07-02-2022 at 5 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling west on Cortez Boulevard, near the Coastal Way Plaza in Brooksville.

The deputy noted the driver of the vehicle had a suspended driver's license.

While the deputy was conducting the traffic stop, Deputy G. Locke and K-9 Argo arrived on scene to perform a drug sniff.

K-9 Argo alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics within the vehicle.

An initial search of the vehicle located numerous white crystals on the front passenger floorboard, which later tested positive for methamphetamine. Additional plastic baggies with a white-crystal residue were also located inside the vehicle. In addition a backpack was located that contained a digital scale, more than \$1,400 in cash, and a larger bag of a white powdery substance, which tested positive for fentanyl.

The front seat passenger was identified as **Keegan Addis DOB/01-04-1987**. While Addis admitted to ownership of the backpack, he declined to answer any questions about any of the items located inside the backpack.

Addis was charged with **Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia**.

He was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being held in lieu of a \$60,000 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.