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Re: Sheriff Committed to Compliance by Sexual Offenders and Predators

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Sheriff Al Nienhuis remains committed to the tracking and monitoring of all sexual offenders and sexual predators living in Hernando County.

With that being said, the primary assignment of one Major Case detective is the Sexual Offender and Predator Tracking (SPOT) program. Other Major Case detectives are assigned to provide assistance, as needed.

To gain a better understanding of the differences between a sexual offender and sexual predator, please see the very brief definitions below.

Sexual Offender – An individual who has committed a sexual offense on one occasion and has been adjudicated guilty of that offense.

Sexual Predator – An individual who has committed two or more sexual offenses (that would have made them an offender of one offense). One or more of the sexual offenses involved serious violence and/or the offense was committed against a child under the age of 12.

Currently, there are 505 registered sexual offenders/sexual predators residing in Hernando County. Of those, 40 are currently incarcerated for Violation of Reporting Requirements and/or other criminal offenses.

Detectives assigned to the SPOT program, recently made the arrests listed below.

On 07-07-22, Detective Kyle Wilson arrested **Croberto Perez** DOB/12-11-1937, a registered sexual offender, for **Failure to Reregister** in the month of June, as required by FSS. Perez is currently on probation and was also charged with **Violation of Probation**.

On 07-07-22, Detective Kyle Wilson arrested **Charlie Croft** DOB/12-01-1947, a registered sexual offender, for **Failure to Reregister** in the month of June, as required by FSS.

On 07-14-22, Detective Kyle Wilson arrested **Jason Saez** DOB/06-17-1985, a registered sexual offender, for **Failure to Report a Temporary Residence**. Detectives received an anonymous tip that Saez had been staying at his girlfriend's residence, which he had not reported.

Having been arrested on 01-04-22 for a different sexual offender violation, Saez was equipped with a GPS ankle monitor when he bonded out of jail. GPS records showed that Saez spent the night at his girlfriend's residence 12 times, between 06-03-22 and 07-03-22. The time spent during these stays ranged from 8 hours and 22 minutes, to 17 hours and 55 minutes. Saez admitted to Detective Wilson that he did read the obligations listed on his sexual offender registration form; however, he does not understand "legalese." While there are numerous obligations listed on the form, all are clear and easy to understand, with definitions provided.

On 07-15-22, Detective D. Vargas arrested **Justin Kulik** DOB/04-14-1993, a registered sexual offender, for **Failing to Report an Internet Identifier (2 counts) and Knowingly Provide False Registration Information By Act or Omission**. Kulik failed to report his Facebook and Gmail accounts upon reregistration.

During an interview, Kulik admitted to using both accounts and confirmed he knowingly did not report this information on his sexual offender reregistration. Kulik, who is also on probation, was charged with **Violation of Probation**.

If you are interested in learning about any sexual offenders/sexual predators who live near you, please follow this link -

https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/sops/home.jsf?fbclid=IwARofsV-2e_GHuSMJgANNoj2tYMTIngJ7EEeaiOqhUd1zmn4YERIZ_oekVJU

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.