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Media Release

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Re: Update - Sailor on Leave Charged with Lewd and Lascivious Battery – 2022-00127

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Update

On 07-13-2022, Dylan Adams plead GUILTY to three counts of Lewd and Lascivious Battery to a Child Over 12 and Under 16.

Adams has been sentenced to 13 years in the Florida Department of Corrections, two years of probation, and is required to report (for life) as a Sexual Predator upon his release from prison.

Original Information - 01-03-2022

On 12-30-2021, Dylan B. Adams, who is currently active duty in the U.S. Navy, stationed in San Diego, California, flew into the Tampa Bay area to stay with family for the holidays.

Prior to leaving San Diego, Adams and the victim (who currently resides in Hernando County) engaged in “flirting” via social media. It should be noted that Adams and the victim knew one another prior to Adams enlisting in the Navy.

On 12-31-21, Adams responded to the victim’s residence while the victim’s mother was at work. During the visit, Adams performed various sex acts on the victim. Adams then left the residence and responded to a local pharmacy where he purchased a “Plan B” pill. Adams took the pill back to the victim’s residence, provided it to her, and left again, taking all of the packaging with him (leaving only the instructions, in the event the victim experienced side effects). Prior to leaving, Adams instructed the victim to delete all social media messages the two had exchanged.

On 01-02-22, the victim reported the incident.

Physical evidence was collected from the scene and from the victim.

Detectives made contact with Dylan Adams and transported him to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office District Two Office.

Dylan Adams provided a full confession to detectives.

Dylan B. Adams DOB/02-18-1997 was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- Lewd and Lascivious Battery on a Person over 12/under 16 (3 counts)
- Bond \$30,000.

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.