



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Vice & Narcotics Search Warrant – 14209 San Antonio Road – 2022-21635

**Date:** August 4, 2022

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The Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit was made aware of a possible drug dealer who was selling large amounts of a variety of narcotics within Hernando County.

Subsequent investigation revealed that **Ismail Tillman DOB 11-10-1986** was residing at 14209 San Antonio Road in Brooksville and was the individual dealing in the narcotics.

An undercover operation was initiated, which resulted in narcotics purchases for fentanyl and methamphetamine from Tillman and his girlfriend **Nakayla Roberts DOB 12-27-2000**.

On 08-04-2022 a search warrant was executed at 14209 San Antonio Road where both Tillman and Roberts were taken in to custody.

A search of the residence revealed the following items to be present and belonging to Tillman:

- 252.9 Grams (0.55 lbs.) of Fentanyl (both in powder and pill form)
- 68.8 Grams of Marijuana
- 2 digital scales
- 9mm Glock handgun
- Numerous rounds of 9mm ammunition
- \$3,815 in U.S. currency
- 5 Rolex watches

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) website, one kilogram of fentanyl has the potential to kill 500,000 people. Based on this estimate, the fentanyl seized during this search warrant had the potential to provide a lethal dose to 126,264 people.

Tillman is a convicted felon and has previously served prison sentences for the offenses of **Possession of a Controlled Substance (2 counts), Possession of Cocaine, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, and Driving While License Suspended (felony)**. Roberts has no previous criminal history.

As a result of the items located during the search warrant, Tillman was arrested on the following charges: **Armed Trafficking in Fentanyl, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, Possession of Marijuana Over 20 Grams, Possession of a Structure for the Sale of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon, Resisting Arrest without Violence, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia**. His bond was set at \$294,000.

Tillman was also arrested for the following offenses relating to the sale and distribution of narcotics:

**2022-18442 -- Principle to Trafficking in Fentanyl, Principle to Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device, and Principle to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. BOND \$142,000.**

**2022-18644 -- Principle to Trafficking in Fentanyl, Principle to Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device, and Principle to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. BOND \$242,000.**

**2022-19285 -- Trafficking in Fentanyl, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, Person in Possession of a Conveyance for the Purpose of Sale of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device, Driving While License Suspended, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. BOND \$266,000.**

**2022-20127 -- Trafficking in Fentanyl, Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell X 2, Person in Possession of a Conveyance for the Purpose of Sale of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful use of a Two-Way Communication Device, Driving While License Suspended, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. BOND \$486,000.**

**2022-22296 -- Trafficking in Fentanyl, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, Person in Possession of a Conveyance for the Purpose of Sale of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device, Driving While License Suspended, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. BOND \$266,000.**

The total bond for Tillman, with regards to the entire investigation, is \$1,696,000.

Roberts was arrested on offenses relating to the sale and distribution of narcotics:

**2022-18442- Trafficking in Fentanyl, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, Possession of a Conveyance for the Purpose of Sale of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. TOTAL BOND \$12,500.00.**

Further investigation is forthcoming.

## **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.