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Media Release

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Re: SENTENCING UPDATE- Spring Hill Sexual Offender Arrested for Failure to Report – 2024-257557

Date: November 13, 2025

On 11-06-2025, **Sexual Offender Kent Baker DOB/10-09-1967** was adjudicated guilty for failure to comply with Sex Offender Reporting Requirements. Baker was sentenced to 5 years of incarceration with the Florida Department of Corrections.

Baker will be transferred from the Hernando County Detention Center to the Florida Department of Corrections to serve his prison sentence.

The prison sentence was in reference to his 10-03-2024 arrest for the following sexual offender reporting violations:

- Failure to Report Change of Employment Information
- Failure to Report Change of Vehicle Information
- Failure to Report Internet Identifier
- Knowingly Providing False Registration Information by Act or Omission

ORIGINAL INFORMATION

On 09-30-2024, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office received information that registered **Sexual Offender Kent Baker DOB/10-09-1967** was recently terminated from his employment at the McDonald's located at 2350 Commercial Way in Spring Hill.

Baker was adjudicated guilty in 2014, in Wayne County, West Virginia for **Battery on a Minor Victim 6 Years of Age - Sexual Motivation**. This conviction designated Kent Douglas Baker as a Sexual Offender in the State of Florida with registration requirements.

On 09-30-2024, Detective G Marcacci spoke to a manager at McDonald's who confirmed Baker's last day was on 09-08-2024. Baker's most recent FDLE SOPS registration was completed on 09-16-2024, where he acknowledged by signature that he was still employed at McDonald's.

On 10-03-2024, Detective Marcacci made contact with Baker at his home located at 1330 Lodge Circle in Spring Hill. Upon Detective Marcacci inquiring about Baker's employment status, Baker advised that he has been unemployed since 09-08-2024. Baker further advised he was unaware he was required to report a change of employment status within 48 hours of his last day of employment.

Two vehicles were also located at Baker's residence belonging to two individuals who have been residing at the residence for more than 5 consecutive days. All such vehicles must be reported within 48 hours. Baker was also found to be using two unauthorized social media accounts.

Baker was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- **Fail to Report Change of Employment with 48 Hours**
- **Fail to Report Change in Vehicle Information**
- **Knowingly Providing False Registration Information by Act or Omission**

Baker was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being held without bond.



Kent Baker

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!

Hernando County Crime Stoppers can be reached by phone at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or **TIPS from a cell phone.

You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> .

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!