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Media Release

From: Cpl. Michael Terry
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Re: Vice & Narcotics Search Warrant – 3379 Coronet Court, Spring Hill – 2025-172985

Date: November 24, 2025

On 11-20-2025, detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit, assisted by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, executed a residential search warrant at 3379 Coronet Court in Spring Hill.

The warrant was the result of an ongoing narcotics investigation which revealed that large quantities of fentanyl were being sold from the residence.

During the course of the investigation, **Mark Andrew Hartwell**, was identified as the primary individual distributing narcotics from the home. Hartwell is known to law enforcement and has an extensive criminal history that includes 18 prior felony convictions.

Upon execution of the warrant, six individuals were detained inside the residence. A search conducted by detectives revealed the following illegal narcotics and evidence:

- **36.1 grams of fentanyl**
- **7.6 grams of methamphetamine**
- **32.2 grams of marijuana**
- **Various non-prescription pills and paraphernalia**

Detectives also located evidence indicating an attempt to destroy fentanyl by dumping it into a tub filled with water as SWAT personnel were entering the residence.

The following individuals were arrested during the operation:

Mark Andrew Hartwell DOB/01-26-1971

- **Trafficking in Fentanyl – 3 counts**

- Sale of Methamphetamine
- Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of a New Legend Prescription
- Possession of Marijuana (Over 20 Grams)
- Possession of a Structure for the Sale/Trafficking of Controlled Substances – 3 counts
- Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device – 2 counts
- Possession of Paraphernalia – 3 counts

Hartwell was issued **no bond** due to being a documented gang member associated with the Aryan Brotherhood.

Victoria Vainisi DOB/06-01-1990

- Possession of Fentanyl
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Paraphernalia

Stephanie Malone DOB/05-10-1990

- Possession of Fentanyl
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Paraphernalia
- **Active warrant for Violation of Probation (served during arrest)**

Nicholas Petrisin DOB/11-24-1982

- Possession of Fentanyl
- Possession of Methamphetamine
- Possession of Paraphernalia

Randall Jessie DOB/04-22-1993

- Possession of Fentanyl
- Possession of Paraphernalia

Christopher Hope DOB/09-12-1985

- Possession of Fentanyl
- Possession of Paraphernalia

All individuals, with the exception of Hartwell, were issued bonds in accordance with Florida bond schedule guidelines.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis would like to remind the community that the Hernando County Sheriff's Office remains committed to combating illegal narcotics activity and removing dangerous drugs — such as fentanyl — from the streets of Hernando County.

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

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