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Media Release

From: Jessica Burns
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Re: Four Arrested, Trafficking Amounts of Meth and Fentanyl Seized in Brooksville
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On Friday, 02-27-2026, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit, with assistance from the Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, served a search warrant at a home located at 6077 Cartwrite Road in Brooksville.

The warrant was the result of a six-month investigation into **Joseph Perez, DOB/03-17-1989**.

During the investigation, detectives conducted several controlled purchases of methamphetamine from Perez, which led to the search warrant being issued.

When deputies arrived, the home was safely secured and the individuals inside were detained.

During the search of the residence, detectives located and seized the following:

- 65.1 grams of Methamphetamine (trafficking weight)
- 6.6 grams of Fentanyl (trafficking weight)
- 9.4 grams of Marijuana
- 9.5 Methadose pills
- Two firearms (Perez is a convicted felon)
- \$1,230 in U.S. currency

As a result of the investigation and the evidence found inside the home, four individuals were arrested on drug-related charges.

Arrested:

Joseph Perez, DOB/03-17-1989

Charges: Sale of Methamphetamine, Trafficking in Methamphetamine

Bond: No Bond

Jacqueline Kooistra, DOB/06-29-1969

Charge: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Bond: \$1,000

Jennifer Cline-Westlake, DOB/12-20-1987

Charges: Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Bond: \$51,000

Matthew James, DOB/04-08-1977

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Bond: \$5,500

Methamphetamine and fentanyl continue to pose a serious threat to our community. The Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit remains focused on identifying and arresting those who choose to sell illegal drugs in Hernando County.

Anyone with information about illegal drug activity is encouraged to contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at (352) 754-6830 or submit an anonymous tip through Crime Stoppers.





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!