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Media Release

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Re: Vice and Narcotics Search Warrant – 834 Easy Street – 2023-7670

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The Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit recently received information regarding the possible sale of crack cocaine from a residence in south Brooksville.

Investigation revealed, a male, later identified as Lorenzo Townsend Jr., was in fact selling illegal narcotics from his residence, located at 834 Easy Street in Brooksville.

A subsequent undercover operation resulted in several purchases of illegal narcotics involving both Townsend Jr. and his girlfriend, Hannah Pashnick.

Probable cause was developed for a search warrant for 834 Easy Street. This residence is situated directly across the street from the Best Academy school.

On 03-08-23, detectives arrested both Townsend Jr. and Pashnick at the Probation and Parole Office in Brooksville. A search of their vehicle resulted in the discovery of a small amount of marijuana.

As Townsend Jr. and Pashnick were being placed under arrest, the residential search warrant was being executed at the Easy Street address. As a result of the search warrant, the following items were located:

- Fentanyl – Approximately 5.6 grams (trafficking amount)
- Crack Cocaine – Approximately 13.0 grams
- Clonazepam Tablets – Approximately 42.2 grams
- Buprenorphine HCL Tablets – Approximately 1 gram
- Hydromorphone HCL Tablets – Approximately 0.1 grams
- Marijuana – Approximately 5 grams

- Drug Paraphernalia (scales, baggies, pipes – used for the sale of narcotics)
- Handgun – Taurus 9 mm
- Rifle – Remington 700
- Shotgun – JC Higgins 20 gauge
- Multiple rounds of ammunition.

As a result of the items located during the search warrant and during the contact at the Probation and Parole office, **Lorenzo Townsend Jr. DOB/12-10-1993**, was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- Armed Trafficking in Fentanyl
- Possession of Crack Cocaine
- Possession of Controlled Substance (3 counts)
- Possession of Place for Sale of Controlled Substance
- Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon
- Possession of Ammunition by Convicted Felon
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bond - \$172,000.

Townsend Jr. was also placed under arrest, as follows, relating to the sale and/or distribution of narcotics:

- Sale of Crack Cocaine in 1,000 Feet of Place of Worship
- Sale of Crack Cocaine (2 counts)
- Possession of Crack Cocaine w/Intent to Sell (3 counts)
- Person in Possession of Place for Purpose of Sale of Controlled Substance (3 counts)
- Unlawful Use of Two-Way Communication Device (3 counts)
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (3 counts)
- Bond - \$153,000.

Townsend Jr. was also charged with VOP, original charge Burglary of Structure, NO BOND.

At the time of the undercover operation and the search warrant, Townsend Jr. was on active felony probation for Burglary (Hernando County) and Cocaine Possession that occurred in Georgia.

Townsend Jr. has prior arrests for Burglary Dwelling, Burglary Structure, Grand Theft, Possession of Cocaine w/Intent to Sell (multiple cases), Sale of Cocaine, Sale of Oxycodone, Petit Theft, VOP, Possession of Marijuana, Escape, Resist Arrest, Leave Scene of Accident w/Property Damage, Aggravated Assault, Felon in Possession of Firearm, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Tampering w/Witness.

Townsend Jr. has been sentenced to the Department of Corrections on two previous occasions.

As a result of the items located during the search warrant and during the contact at the Probation and Parole office, **Hannah Pashnick DOB/12-06-1997**, was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- Armed Trafficking in Fentanyl
- Possession of Crack Cocaine
- Possession of Controlled Substance
- Possession of Place for Sale of Controlled Substance
- Possession of Marijuana Under 20 Grams
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bond - \$154,000.

Pashnick was also placed under arrest, as follows, relating to the sale and/or distribution of narcotics:

- Sale of Crack Cocaine in 1,000 Feet of Place of Worship
- Possession of Crack Cocaine w/Intent to Sell
- Person in Possession of Place for Purpose of Sale of Controlled Substance
- Unlawful Use of Two-Way Communication Device
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bond - \$61,000.

Total bond for Pashnick is \$215,000.

Pashnick has no prior criminal history.

A search of a camper located on the property revealed a male, identified as **Glenn Thompkins DOB 10/22/1961**, to be inside. Based on items found within the camper and determined to be in Thompkins's possession, he was placed under arrest for the following offenses:

- Possession of a Firearm by Convicted Felon (2 counts)
- Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon (2 counts)
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Bond - \$46,000.

Thompkins has prior arrests for Possession of Crack Cocaine with Intent to Sell (multiple cases), Armed Robbery, VOP, Sale of Cocaine, Failure to Appear (multiple cases), Petit Theft, Grand Theft, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Arrest, Aggravated Assault, Sale of Marijuana within 1,000 feet of Church, Battery, Trespassing (multiple cases), Burglary with Battery, Burglary of a Dwelling, Disorderly Conduct, Loitering and Prowling, and Robbery by Sudden Snatching.

Thompkins is a convicted felon, and has been sentenced to prison time in the Department of Corrections on three occasions.

The investigation continues.

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!

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.