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### Media Release

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Re: Traffic Stop Results in Arrest and Seizure of Illegal Narcotics – 2023-35705

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On 11-11-23 just after 3 a.m., Night Watch Lieutenant Mike O'Brien conducted a Traffic Stop on the driver of a white Dodge pick-up truck, in the area of Deltona Boulevard and Cortez Boulevard in Spring Hill.

Lt. O'Brien approached the truck and observed a male driver, later identified as Dustin Swanton. Swanton was the sole occupant of the vehicle.

When asked for his driver's license, Swanton replied, "I don't have one."

Swanton was asked to exit the truck, at which time he was placed in handcuffs.

A query of Swanton's driver's license revealed six prior convictions for Driving While License Suspended or Revoked (DWLSR).

While speaking with Swanton, prior to him exiting the truck, O'Brien observed a large clear plastic baggie on the driver's side floorboard. The baggie contained a crystal-like substance, consistent with methamphetamine.

A search of Swanton's truck revealed the large baggie previously mentioned, a digital scale on the passenger floorboard, three additional baggies and two Naloxone strips near the center console. One baggie contained a white crystal-like substance, one baggie contained a blue powdery substance, and the last baggie contained four round purple pills and three round blue pills.

The crystal-like substance found on the driver's floorboard tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine. The substance weighed 51.0 grams.

The crystal-like substance found near the center console also tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine. The substance weighed 10.2 grams.

The blue pills were identified as Oxycodone Hydrochloride 30 mg. The purple pills were identified as Morphine Sulfate. The pills had a total weight of 1.1 grams. Deputies confirmed Swanton did not have a prescription for either medication.

The blue powdery substance tested positive for the presence of Fentanyl. The substance weighed 3.1 grams.

The two Naloxone strips had a total weight of 1.8 grams.

Swanton declined to speak to deputies regarding the items located inside his vehicle.

**Dustin Swanton DOB/04-01-1981** was issued a traffic citation for Failure to Drive w/in a Single Lane and was placed under arrest for the charges listed below.

- Trafficking in Methamphetamine
  - o Bond - \$50,000
- Possession of Controlled Substance (Fentanyl)
  - o Bond - \$5,000
- Possession of Controlled Substance (Oxycodone)
  - o Bond - \$5,000
- Possession of Controlled Substance (Morphine Sulfate)
  - o Bond - \$5,000
- Possession of New Legend Drug (Buprenorphine and Naloxone Sublingual Film)
  - o Bond - \$5,000
- DWLSR – 3<sup>rd</sup> or Subsequent Offense
  - o Bond - \$2,000
- Possession of Paraphernalia
  - o Bond - \$1,000
- **TOTAL BOND - \$73,000.**