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<u>Media Release</u>

From: Michael Terry Deputy PIO, 352-797-3608

Re: Four Females Arrested on Felony Retail Theft Charges - 2024-00139982

Date: April 26, 2024

On 04-22-2024 at 5:33 p.m., officials from the New Port Richey Police Department contacted the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to request assistance in locating a white Jeep Grand Cherokee that was recently involved in a felony retail theft in Pasco County.

The New Port Richey Police Department further advised that four black females in the vehicle were believed to be involved in several liquor store thefts in their jurisdiction.

The vehicle was last seen headed north toward Hernando County.

Within minutes of the initial report, 9-1-1 operators received a call from an employee of a liquor store located on Spring Hill Drive. The victim advised four black females had just entered the store and stole numerous bottles of liquor and left in a white SUV.

District 2 deputies searching for the suspects' vehicle were able to locate the vehicle on the 11000 block of Lindsay Drive in Spring Hill.

All four suspects inside the vehicle were detained at the scene.

Deputies located more than \$7,700 worth of unopened liquor bottles recently stolen from several liquors located in both Pasco and Hernando counties.

Post Miranda, Amiah Lovette DOB/01-26-2008, Jaziah Perry DOB/08-29-2008, Aaliyah Revels DOB/06-14-2006, and Babionia Washington DOB/04-08-2005, were arrested on a charges of Felony Retail Theft and Possession of Alcohol by a Minor.

All four suspects were transported to the Hernando County Detention Center.

Further Investigation revealed Perry had three juvenile pickup orders on charges of Petit Theft and Possession of Alcohol by a Minor.

Following processing at the jail Perry, Lovette, and Revels were turned over to their parents as required by the Department of Juvenile Justice. Washington's bond was set at \$1,000.

Authorities in Pasco and Pinellas counties are continuing with their investigation into the rash of retail thefts in Pasco and Pinellas counties. Additional charges are pending further investigation.

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 <u>http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com</u>.

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