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### Media Release

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From: Michael Terry  
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Re: Vice and Narcotics Search Warrant – 6154 Ashland Drive – 2024-00245218

Date: September 21 2024

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On 09-20-2024, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Vice and Narcotics Unit executed a residential search warrant with the assistance of the HCSO SWAT team at 6154 Ashland Drive in Spring Hill.

Upon execution of the search warrant, **Steven Cline** fled from the rear of the residence and was located at a next-door neighbor's residence attempting to evade arrest.

The search resulted in detectives locating numerous narcotics, seven firearms, body armor, and a ballistic "Police" shield (rifle-rated) inside the residence.

Post Miranda, Cline claimed ownership/possession of the narcotics, firearms, shield, and body armor. Further investigation revealed that the shield and body armor were acquired as a "trade" for narcotics.

This is a culmination of several months of investigation, including several traffic stops from this residence, which also resulted in arrests for trafficking in methamphetamine.

Units involved:

- Vice and Narcotics
- SWAT
- K9
- Forensics
- District Deputies
- COPPS

Those arrested were as follows:

**Steven James Thurman Cline DOB/08-13-1976**

*A Florida Known Gang Member*

*Criminal History*

*Total Felony Charges -- 38*

*Total Felony Convictions -- 14*

Charges as a result of the Search Warrant

- **Resisting without violence**
- **Possession of Firearm/Ammunition by a convicted felon (7 firearms)**
- **Possession of Methamphetamine**
- **Possession of Fentanyl**
- **Possession of a Controlled Substance (Suboxone)**
- **Possession of Cocaine**
- **Possession of Alprazolam**
- **Possession of Marijuana more than 20g**
- **Possession of Paraphernalia**
- **Possession of a New Legend Drug without prescription**

**Ashley Dawn Cline DOB/04-05-1987**

Currently on Probation for Possession of Controlled Substance

*Criminal History*

*Total Felony Charges -- 6*

*Total Felony Convictions -- 0*

Charges as a result of the Search Warrant

- **Violation of Drug Offender Probation**
- **Possession of Methamphetamine**
- **Possession of Fentanyl**
- **Possession of a Controlled Substance(Suboxone)**
- **Possession of Cocaine**
- **Possession of a Controlled Substance (Alprazolam)**
- **Possession of Marijuana less than 20g**
- **Possession of Paraphernalia**
- **Possession of a New Legend Drug without prescription**

**Darrell Floyd Kearce DOB/02-20-1972**

Charges as a result of the Search Warrant

- **Possession of Marijuana less than 20g**
- **Possession of Paraphernalia**

*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!**