



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

From: Michael Terry
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Re: Spring Hill Sex Offender Arrested for Registration Violation – 2024-00227497

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The Hernando County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) arrested a sex offender for failure to comply with Sex Offender Reporting Requirements.

Joe Devon Waddy, DOB/02-10-1982, was adjudicated guilty in 1999, in Hernando County, for **Sexual Battery Upon a Child Under 16 Years of Age**. This conviction designated Waddy as a Sexual Offender in the State of Florida with registration requirements.

On 08-19-2024, Sexual Offender Joe Waddy came into the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to conduct an update to his FDLE Sexual Offender and Predator System (SOPS) profile.

While at the Sheriff's Office, Waddy advised during the audio and video recorded registration that he had changed employment and needed to update his new employment to his FDLE SOPS profile.

Waddy further advised that he no longer works at AAA Whites Septic Tank Service Inc., in Brooksville. Waddy indicated that his last day of employment at AAA Whites Septic Tank Service Inc. was on 08-06-2024. Waddy then informed PST S. Vazquez that he started a new job with Superior Skilled Trades, located in Rockledge on 08-11-2024.

On 08-19-2024, Detective G. Marcacci reviewed Waddy's FDLE SOPS registration video, which confirmed Waddy's statements that he changed employers on the aforementioned dates referenced above.

On 09-24-2024, Detective Marcacci contacted AAA Whites Septic Tank Service Inc. and spoke with the office manager, who confirmed via company payroll records that Waddy's last day of employment with AAA Whites Septic Tank Service Inc. was actually on 07-09-2024.

As a registered sexual offender, Waddy is required to report any change in employment information within 48 hours of any change. Waddy was found to be 39 days past his reporting requirement.

On 09-30-2024, Waddy was located by deputies at his residence on Spring Hill Drive. While deputies were attempting to serve the felony arrest warrant, Waddy resisted deputies by slamming the front door closed. Deputies breached the front door and took Waddy into custody without further incident.

Waddy was arrested for the following violations:

- Failure to Report Change of Employment within 48 Hours
- Resisting Officer Without Violence

Waddy was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center, where he is being held without **Bond**.



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