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Media Release

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Re: Sex Offender Arrested for Failure to Adhere to Reporting Requirements –
2024-00274432

Date: October 28, 2024

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

Kent Douglas Baker, DOB/10-09-1957, was arrested on four counts of **Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Reporting Requirements**.

Baker was adjudicated guilty in 2014, in Wayne County, West Virginia for **Battery on a Minor Victim 6 Years of Age-Sexual Motivation**. This conviction designated Baker as a Sexual Offender in the State of Florida with registration requirements.

Information was received that Baker was actively using unreported internet identifier/social media accounts. Baker's sex offender profile, yielded no internet identifier/social media accounts being reported as required as a result of his sex offender status.

On 10-04-2024, Detective G. Marcacci authored a search warrant on Baker's smartphone. A data extraction was completed on the Samsung Galaxy Note 9 smartphone, which yielded (4) unreported internet identifier accounts on popular social media platforms.

On 10-24-2024, Detective Marcacci made contact with Baker at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office. An interview was then conducted where Baker advised, post Miranda, he was actively using the aforementioned (4) social media accounts.

Baker was arrested without incident and transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being held without bond.



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!