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### Media Release

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From: Jessica Burns  
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Re: Sex Offender Arrested for Failure to Adhere to Reporting Requirements –  
2024-00284172

Date: January 06, 2025

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On 01-03-2025 **Steven Mark Berlinger, DOB/05-14-1969**, was arrested on one count of **Failure to Report Internet Identifier** and one count of **Failure to Report Change in Vehicle Information**.

Berlinger was adjudicated guilty in 2006, in Sarasota County, for **Use of Internet to Solicit or Attempt to Solicit a Child for Sex**. This conviction designated Berlinger as a Sexual Offender in the State of Florida with registration requirements.

Information was received that Berlinger created an unreported email address. Berlinger's sex offender profile yielded negative results of the email address being reported as required as a result of his sex offender status.

On 11-25-2024, Detective G. Marcacci authored a search warrant on the aforementioned email address which confirmed the account was created on 03-24-2023.

On 01-03-2025, Detective Marcacci made contact with Berlinger at his residence. While at the residence, a vehicle was observed on the property. It was discovered, through investigation, the vehicle was registered to Berlinger since 04-02-2015. A review of Berlinger's sex offender profile, yielded that the vehicle was not reported.

With Berlinger failing to report the email address within 48 hours and failing to report the vehicle to his sex offender profile, he was placed under arrest for the following violations:

**Ct1) Failure to Report Internet Identifier**

**Ct2) Fail to Report Change of Vehicle Ownership within 48 hours**

Berlinger 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!***

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***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!***