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Media Release

From: Jessica Burns
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Re: Sexual Offender Arrested for Failure to Register Change of Vehicle Ownership
Within 48 Hours – 2026149677

Date: March 19, 2026

On 03-13-2026, **Benjamin Roman DOB/12-09-1964**, was arrested on the charge of **to Register Change of Vehicle Ownership Within 48 Hours**.

Roman was adjudicated guilty in 2011 in New York, New York for **1st Degree Sexual Abuse-Contact By Forcible Compulsion**. This conviction designated Roman as a Sexual Offender in the state of Florida with registration requirements.

On 03-08-2026, deputies with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office conducted a Sexual Predator Offender Tracking (SPOT) check at Roman's residence. During this check information was obtained that Roman had recently purchased a new vehicle.

Detective Marcacci conducted a check of the Driver and Vehicle Information Database (DAVID) which revealed Roman obtained and registered a 2014 Ford Explorer on 02-27-2026. The check also revealed a Chevrolet Blazer registered to Roman's address. The Chevrolet Blazer is registered to Roman's girlfriend who has resided at the address since 2002.

Detective Marcacci reviewed Roman's Florida Department Law Enforcement (FDLE) Sexual Offender and Predator System (SOPS) profile, which yielded negative results for either of the aforementioned vehicles being reported by Roman.

On 03-13-2026, Detective Marcacci made contact with Roman at his residence, on Carrin Road in Spring Hill. Roman advised that he intended to report the vehicle, which he purchased in February, however, he failed to do so within the required 48-hour time period. Roman further advised he was unaware he was also required to report his girlfriend's vehicle to his FDLE SOPS profile.

With Roman failing to register the change of vehicle ownership within 48 hours to his sex offender profile, he was placed under arrest for the following violations:

Ct1) Failure to Register Change of Vehicle Ownership Within 48 Hours

Roman was initially held without bond but was later granted a \$2,500 bond at his first appearance.



Benjamin Roman

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!