



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Nikole Wilson  
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**Re:** Convicted Sex Offender Arrested on Escape Warrant from Georgia; Charged with Failure to Register as Sexual Offender – 202600174117

**Date:** April 16, 2026

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On 04-12-2026, sexual offender **Christopher Isaih Derby DOB/12-28-1993**, was arrested during a traffic stop on an active felony full extradition **Fugitive from Justice Warrant** out of Gwinnett County, Georgia, for **Escape from Work Release**.

Derby was previously adjudicated guilty in the State of Georgia for **Aggravated Assault with Intent to Rape**. As a result of this conviction, Derby is designated as a Sexual Offender in the State of Georgia and is subject to registration requirements, including registration compliance within the State of Florida.

During the arrest, Derby advised deputies that he had been residing as a transient in Hernando County since December, 2025. The warrant was confirmed, and Derby was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center with a no bond status.

On 04-13-2026, Detective Marcacci confirmed through the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Sex Offender Registry and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) that Derby was required to register in the State of Florida within 48 hours of establishing transient residence in Hernando County in December, 2025. A review of the FDLE Sexual Offender and Predator System (SOPS) database yielded no record of Derby completing any registration within the State of Florida.

On 04-14-2026, Detective Marcacci made contact with Derby while he was in custody at the Hernando County Detention Center. Derby admitted that he is a registered Sexual Offender. He further stated that he had been residing in Hernando County since December, 2025 but claimed he was unaware of his requirement to register in the State of Florida.

With Derby being in violation of his FDLE Sex Offender Profile reporting requirements, he was re-arrested for the following violation:

**Ct1) Failure to Register as a Sexual Offender within 48 Hours**



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*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!*