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Re: Possession of Child Pornography Arrest – Alexander Esquivel – 2024-00105731

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On 02-26-24, Hernando County Sheriff's detectives received information regarding the possession of child pornography.

Subsequent investigation revealed a possible suspect, identified as Alexander Esquivel.

Detectives authored a search warrant for Esquivel's online accounts, which was authorized by Judge Einman. The search warrant was subsequently served to Esquivel's social media provider. The search warrant yielded the contents of Esquivel's account.

Upon reviewing the contents of Esquivel's account, detectives located 4 files of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM).

On 06-07-24, detectives responded to Esquivel's residence, located at 4112 Ramona Drive in Spring Hill to speak to him.

During the interview, Esquivel's admitted to owning the social media account in question, and to viewing and possessing the files of CSAM.

Alexander Esquivel DOB/07-15-1961 was arrested and charged as follows:

- Possession of Child Pornography (Four counts)
- Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device
- BOND AMOUNT \$2,000.

The investigation continues.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis has a zero tolerance for possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material. Any and all tips are, and will be, meticulously investigated, no stone will be left unturned. Any person who possesses material of this nature will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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!