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Re: Sex Offender on Parole Arrested for Violation - 202400161000

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On 05/07/2024, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office was conducting an agency assist on a prisoner transport for the Department of Corrections Parole and Probation services for **Sex Offender, Ricky Dale Smith/DOB 08/10/1959**, who had recently transferred his parole from the state of Texas.

Parole and Probation notified Detective G. Marcacci that Smith had committed a violation of his parole. Smith was found to be utilizing two unregistered social media accounts on his personal cell phone. Smith must allow the search of all electronic devices, as a condition of his parole.

On 05/22/2024, Detective Marcacci authored and executed a search warrant on the aforementioned smartphone which confirmed the unreported and unregistered social media accounts being present on the smartphone.

On 05/24/2024, Detective Marcacci conducted an interview with Smith, who was currently incarcerated at the Hernando County Detention Center. Post Miranda, Smith admitted to ownership of both accounts.

Smith was arrested for the following sex offender reporting violation:

- **Failure to Report Internet Identifier Account**

Smith is being held on a no bond status.



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!