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Media Release

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Re: Brooksville Teen Charged with Possession of Child Pornography -
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On 06-15-2023, Hernando County Sheriff's detectives received information regarding the possession of child pornography.

Subsequent investigation revealed a possible suspect, identified as **Noah Smith/DOB 06/08/2007**.

Detectives authored a search warrant for Smith's online accounts. The search warrant was subsequently served to Smith's social media provider. The search warrant yielded the contents of Smith's account.

Upon reviewing the contents of Smith's account, detectives located **10 files of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM)**.

On 07-05-2024, detectives executed a search warrant at Smith's residence located on Macy Road in Brooksville.

Further investigation revealed conversations between Smith and a third party in which Smith made statements indicating that he had sexually abused a younger family member.

Post Miranda, an interview was conducted with Smith, at which time he admitted ownership of the social media account and uploading/sharing the initial file on the social media platform. During the interview, Smith was questioned about the statements made regarding the alleged abuse of a younger family member. Smith initially denied the allegations and simply stated that he was "trolling" the other user. After presenting the chats to Smith, he

changed his statement and confirmed that he had in fact been sexually abusing this 8 year old family member, who resides in Georgia, over the course of approximately 4 years.

Detectives contacted authorities in the state of Georgia, where the sexual abuse was alleged to have occurred and an investigation was initiated. Charges are forthcoming in Georgia for the sex crimes that occurred in their jurisdiction.

Smith was arrested and charged with **10 Counts of Possession of Child Pornography, Distribution of Child Pornography, and Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device.**

Smith was detained and transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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!