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### Media Release

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From: Michael Terry  
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Re: Masaryktown Man Arrested on Charges of Human Trafficking and Sexual  
Battery – 2024-00208006

Date: October 3, 2024

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On 07-22-2024, a female victim contacted the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to report she had been sexually assaulted at a residence located at 17449 Sandlewood Avenue, in Brooksville.

The victim advised she had received a ride to the residence on Sandlewood Avenue where she had previously lived for about a month. The victim, who is diagnosed with numerous medical conditions, wanted to collect personal belongings she had left behind at the residence.

The victim advised once inside, she found all of her personal belongings were missing from the bedroom. A short time later her former landlord, **Tomas Montesino DOB/12-06-1982**, arrived at the residence with an unknown female.

While in her former bedroom, the victim advised Montesino proceeded to stand in front of her and tell her, "Show me your breasts."

When she refused, she said Montesino physically attacked her. When she tried to leave the bedroom, the victim said Montesino threw her on the ground and sexually assaulted her.

Following the sexual assault, Montesino and the unknown female drove the victim to an area off of Cobblestone Drive and Spring Hill Drive. Once the victim exited the vehicle the suspect drove off. The victim further advised detectives she had been previously sexually assaulted by Montesino and another tenant at the residence on Sandlewood Avenue. The victim advised she never reported the previous incidents.

Following an in-depth investigation into the victim's claims, which involved numerous

interviews with multiple individuals, detectives were able to establish probable cause against Montesino for two counts of **Human Trafficking** and two counts of **Lewd and Lascivious Battery on a Disabled Person**.

On 10-01-2024, Montesino, who is currently on probation for **Possession of Child Pornography**, was taken into custody by deputies at the Probation & Parole Office in Brooksville.

Montesino was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is currently being held without bond.

*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!*