



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Kasey Johnson  
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**Re:** Halloween Sex Offender Ops Plan – 2024-00261319, 2024-00278048, 2024-00259686

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The Hernando Sheriff's Office Major Case Unit, COPPS and Patrol units, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) conducted a Halloween Ops plan between October 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> where 87 sex offender home checks were completed. The Florida Department of Corrections Probation and Parole Services also completed an additional 87 sex offender home checks during this time.

No current violations were found in all of the 174 home checks during this special operation; however, the following three arrests were made due to sex offender violations which were reported earlier in the month of October.

**Patrick Lavern Green/DOB 11-21-1949**, relocated from a residence in Hernando County to a new address in Pasco County on 09-05-2024, but failed to register his new address within 48 hours which is a requirement of his sex offender status. Green also changed phone numbers and was found to be in violation for not reporting his new number within the required time limits.

On 10-30-2024, in a joint operation with the Pasco Sheriff's Office, Green was arrested in Zephyrhills and transported to the Land O' Lakes Detention Center on the following charges.

- Failure to Report Change of Address Within 48 Hours
- Failure to Report Change in Phone Number Within 48 Hours

Green was transferred to Hernando County Detention Center on 11-01-2024 and placed on no bond status.

Joshua Johnson/DOB 07-06-1980, responded to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to complete a 30-day transient sex offender check-in on 10-29-2024. This check-in was required to be completed on 10-19-2024, resulting in Johnson being 10 days late for his registration requirement.

Johnson was in violation of his sex offender reporting requirement. The next day on 10-30-2024, Detective Marcacci along with an FDLE Inspector made contact with Johnson where he was placed under arrest for the following violation.

- **Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Reporting Requirements**

Johnson was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center, where he remains, with a bond set at \$5,000.

Roy Lee Sims/DOB 04-26-1971, during a SPOT check on 10-03-2024 at his residence on Nunn Boulevard in Brooksville, was found to be in possession of a homemade trailer which had not been previously reported to Sims' sex offender profile.

Through investigation it was determined that Sims had ownership of and access to this vehicle trailer since March of 2022.

Any additions or changes of vehicles are required to be reported to the sheriff's office within 48 hours, leaving Sims in violation of his sex offender registration requirements.

Detective Marcacci along with an FDLE Inspector attempted contact with Sims at his residence on 10-30-2024 but were unsuccessful at that time. While at the residence, the detective observed Halloween decorations on the property. Detective Marcacci advised a relative of Sims, who was at the property, that due to Sims' sex offender status, per county ordinance, decorations are forbidden on any exterior of the residence.

Detective Marcacci was advised that patrol deputies arrived at Sims' residence at approximately 9:30 p.m. and placed him into custody. Sims was arrested on the following violation.

- **Failure to Report Change of Vehicle Within 48 Hours**

Sims was transported to the Hernando County where bond was set as \$7,500.

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