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Media Release

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Re: Brooksville Man Charged with Operating Motorcycle without Valid DL and an Altered VIN – 2024-00282283

Date: November 5, 2024

On 11-04-2024 at approximately 9 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were at the 7-Eleven gas station at 16129 Cortez Boulevard when they observed a man walk up to a motorcycle in the parking lot and then quickly walk away upon seeing the deputies.

Due to the man's suspicious behavior, deputies followed him as he walked behind the business. Deputies located the man kneeling down near some bushes.

The man, who was identified as **Dennis Koehler DOB/03-21-1972**, advised deputies he was walking to a friend's house, but could not provide the name or address of his friend.

When questioned about the motorcycle, which deputies later observed to have an altered Vehicle Identification Number, Koehler initially said it did not belong to him. However, the store clerk told deputies he observed Koehler ride the motorcycle into the business parking lot.

Post Miranda, Koehler advised deputies that he drove the motorcycle to the gas station but got scared when he saw law enforcement due to not having a valid driver's license. Koehler continued to change his account of who owned the motorcycle.

Koehler was arrested on charges of **Possession of a Vehicle with an Altered VIN and Driving with a Suspended License – Third or Subsequent Offense**.

He was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being held on a no bond status due to his bond on unrelated charges being revoked due to the current charges.

The investigation remains active.

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