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Media Release

From: Jessica Burns
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Re: Sexual Offender Arrested for Failure to Register – 2025-00107250

Date: January 16, 2025

On 01-13-2025 **Juan Antonio Valdez, DOB/07-10-1950**, was arrested on one count of **Failure to Register Within 48 Hours Upon Release from Incarceration** and one count of **Failure to Complete FDLE SOPS Bi-Annual Registration**.

Valdez was adjudicated guilty in 2015, in Hernando County, for a **Lewd and Lascivious Battery, Sex With Victim 12-15/ Years of Age, Offender 18 Years of Age or Older**. This conviction designated Valdez as a Sexual Offender in the State of Florida with registration requirements. Valdez, per Florida Statute 943.0435(12), has also been deemed as a public threat.

On 10-23-2024, Valdez was released from incarceration at the Hernando County Detention Center. Upon review of Valdez's FDLE sex offender profile, it was observed he had not completed a bi-annual FDLE sex offender profile reregistration, prior to his arrest, for the month of July 2024, which is Valdez's birth-month and that he also failed to report to the sheriff's office within 48 hours of his release from incarceration on 10-23-2024.

Valdez, per Florida Statute, is required to report to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office within 48 hours of his incarceration to report his permanent address and to complete his FDLE sex offender bi-annual re-registration for the month of July 2024. Valdez, upon his release from incarceration, was also advised by his probation officer to report to the sheriff's office to complete his FDLE sex offender reregistration.

With Valdez failing to register within 48 hours after being released from incarceration, as well as failing to complete his bi-annual registration, he was placed under arrest for the following violations:

Ct1) Failure to Register Within 48 Hours Upon Release from Incarceration

Ct2) Failure to Complete FDLE SOPS Bi-Annual Registration

Valdez is 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!