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## **“Thorn” In Community Arrested During Early Morning Search Warrant**

Early Wednesday morning, the Citrus County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team executed a search warrant at 454 South Tuck Point in Inverness. The Sheriff's Office Tactical Impact Unit concluded an investigation into drug sales at the residence. The suspected drug dealer, Bud Thorn, 31 of Inverness, had active arrest warrants for original charges of possession of a firearm by convicted felon and possession of a controlled substance from two different counties.

Before today, Thorn would brag about running and hiding from law enforcement for nearly two years. For several months, deputies would respond to the residence in an attempt to serve the arrest warrants, but would be turned away by family members saying he wasn't home. Thorn even had a doormat that read, "COME BACK WITH A WARRANT." Well, that's exactly what we did. When detectives arrived this morning with the SWAT Team, they didn't have to knock. Thorn wasn't laughing when detectives found him inside of the residence with over two ounces of methamphetamine, marijuana, distribution equipment, \$4,500 in cash, and a stolen lawn mower from a local school.

As a result of today's investigation, Thorn was arrested for various local charges listed below. Once there is resolution to local charges, he will then be prosecuted in other counties for multiple jurisdictional warrants. Thorn is facing minimum mandatory sentencing for the trafficking amount of methamphetamine and with his lengthy criminal history; he should be handed serious prison time.

“Bud has been a thorn in our side for several years,” said Sheriff Mike Prendergast. “Due to a diligent and labor intensive investigation by the men and women in our Tactical Impact Unit, he is now behind bars. I know some of the neighbors might not have liked the early wakeup call, but after speaking with some of them, I know they are relieved to get some trash out of their neighborhood.”

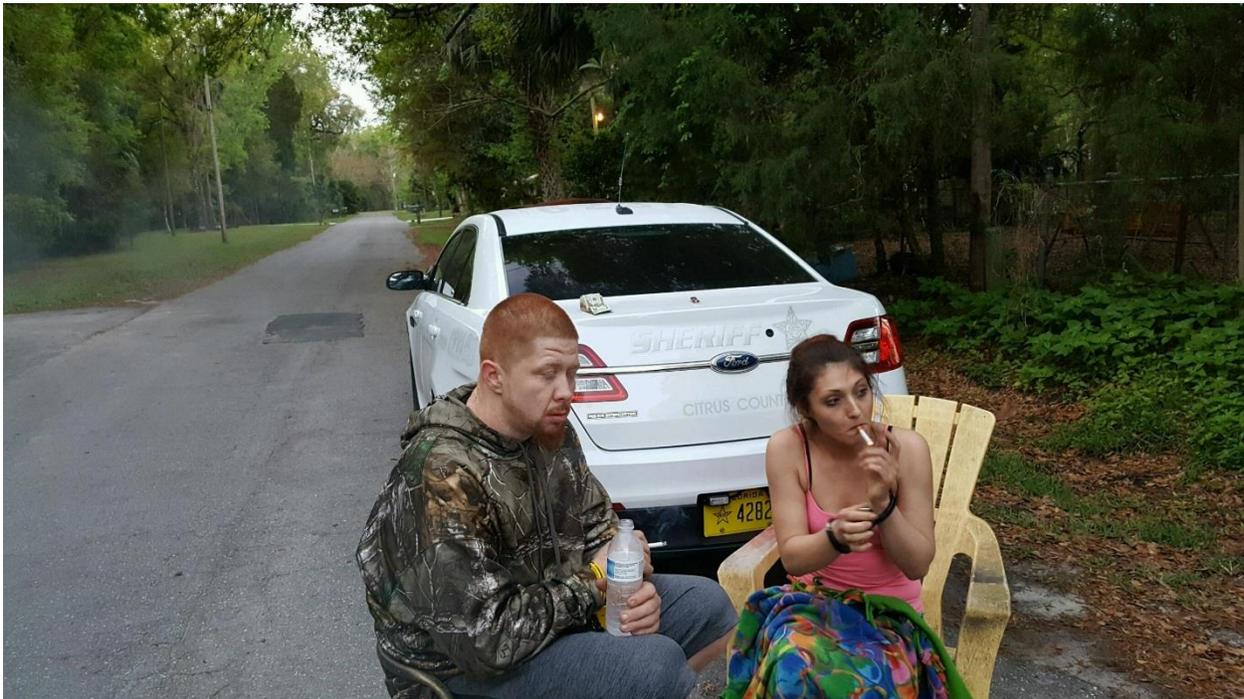
**ARRESTED:** Bud Thorn (11/7/85) - Trafficking in Methamphetamine; Possession of Marijuana with Intent; and Possession of Paraphernalia.



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