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Operation Boomerang Nets 7 Arrests

This week, detectives and deputies with the Citrus County Sheriff's Office Tactical Impact Unit concluded *Operation Boomerang*. The two-phase operation began with undercover drug buys from known dealers in our community. Multiple covert drug deals were successfully completed, where several drugs were purchased. The operation was able to secure trafficking amounts of multiple narcotics, such as methamphetamine, oxycodone, methadone, hydromorphone, and heroin.

Wednesday, February 21 began the second phase of the operation in which several suspects were arrested. As of today, seven subjects are in custody. Various methods were used to arrest the suspects. Below are a few notable instances:

Ashley Sloan and Jonas Serrano were arrested after another undercover transaction for drugs was negotiated. When the suspects arrived at the meeting location, they were arrested for the new charge. Sloan had in her possession approximately 1 gram of heroin, 37 oxycodone, and 30 methadone pills. Serrano was taken into custody for Conspiracy to Sell a Controlled Substance.

A surveillance operation led to the arrest of Angie Tanner and Mathew Mullins. With an arrest warrant for trafficking in methamphetamine in hand, undercover units set up on Tanner's business in Crystal River. When she was seen leaving her business, the Water Works Car Wash on Gulf to Lake Highway (HWY44), a traffic stop was conducted. Tanner was arrested on the warrant for Trafficking in Methamphetamine. Once handcuffed, deputies located approximately 39 grams of methamphetamine hidden on her person, which landed her a second trafficking charge. "Trafficking" is an enhanced charge based on the sizable weight of the drug. The charge carries minimum mandatory sentences. Mathew Mullins was a passenger in the vehicle. After a K-9 alerted on the vehicle, both Clonazepam and a small amount of marijuana were found in Mullins' pants. He was subsequently arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Marijuana.

"This is yet another example of our philosophy of Intelligence Led Policing and our relentless battle against drugs in our community", said Sheriff Mike Prendergast. "A lot of people don't realize the amount of time and patience it takes to investigate drug users. I'm proud of our Tactical Impact Unit for making it a priority to go after these individuals to make our community a safer place to live."

Below is a list of the subjects arrested during *Operation Boomerang* to date:

Angie Tanner, 48 , Crystal River – 2 counts Trafficking in Methamphetamine, 1 count Conspiracy to Traffic Methamphetamine, 1 count Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device

Mathew Mullins, 35, Homosassa – Possession of Controlled Substance (Clonazepam) and Possession of Marijuana under 20 grams



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Jonas Serrano, 35, Beverly Hills – 1 count Conspiracy to Sell Heroin and 1 count Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device

Ashley Sloan, 31, Inverness – 2 counts Sale of a Controlled Substance (Heroin and Hydromorphone), 3 counts Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin, Methadone, and Oxycodone), 2 counts Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device, Possession of Marijuana under 20 grams, and Possession of Paraphernalia

Jennifer Leffew, 38, Crystal River – Sale of Controlled Substance (Hydromorphone) and 1 count Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device

David Garachin, 78, Crystal River - 2 counts Sale of Controlled Substance (Hydromorphone and Oxycodone) and 1 count Unlawful Use of a Two-way Communication Device

Gwendolyn Scheetz, 34, Dunnellon - 1 count Trafficking in Oxycodone and one count Sale of Methamphetamine