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Search Warrant-Wildwood

On June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023, members of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office and members of the US Marshall's executed a narcotic related search warrant at 10074 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Street within the Wildwood area of Sumter County. Information was received of an individual named Julius Malyk Syheed Gardner, A.K.A. "J5" was located at the residence. Julius Gardner had several active narcotic related warrants out of Citrus County and was possibly in possession of some type of firearm.

During the execution of the search warrant at the residence, Julius Gardner was taken into custody. During the search of the residence numerous illicit drugs were discovered along with several firearms. During the search approximately 86 grams of MDMA, approximately 9 grams of Ecstasy, approximately 15 grams of fentanyl, approximately 15 grams of methamphetamine, 4.48 grams of black tar heroin, approximately 255 grams of Marijuana, and a small amount of prescription only medications were located. Also located within the residence were numerous items of drug paraphernalia, which included plastic baggies for packaging illicit drugs, digital scales, \$2,135.00 in US currency, and six firearms. The firearms are as followed:

- Kel-Tec Sub 2000 9mm rifle
- Diamond Back AR-15 223 caliber rifle
- Premiere Firearms AR 15 223 caliber rifle
- Pardner Pump 12ga shotgun
- Jimenez Arms 9mm semiautomatic handgun
- Browning 1911 .22 caliber semiautomatic handgun, which was report stolen out of Pasco County.

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Squad arrested Julius Gardner and Daisy Maria Freeman, who resides at the residence for the following narcotic related offenses:

Julius Malyk Syheed Gardner was arrested for Armed Trafficking in Fentanyl, Armed Trafficking in Methamphetamine, Armed Trafficking in Heroin, Keep/own a Vehicle Used for Trafficking Drugs, Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell, Possession of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was transported to the Sumter County Detention Center where he was given a total bond of \$321,000.00, which was set by the court for those charges.

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Daisy Maria Freeman was arrested for Trafficking in MDMA, Possession of Control Substance (Ecstasy) with intent to sell, and Keep/own a Structure Used for Trafficking Drugs. She was transported to the Sumter County Detention Center where she was given a total bond of \$35,000.00, which was set by the court for those charges.

If you have valuable information that you would like to share, detectives ask that *"If You See Something, Say Something"*. You can also report criminal activity anonymously through Crimeline at 1-(800)-423-TIPS.

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