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PASCO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY ARRESTED ON FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES ALONG WITH TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS

Tampa, FL - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announced today that Pasco County Sheriff's Deputy Donald Riggins, age 34, Kevin Massimino, age 32, and Robert Caddick, age 41 were arrested this morning on a criminal complaint charging them with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute hydrocodone. If convicted they face a maximum sentence of 20 years' imprisonment. The defendants will make their first appearance in federal court on Monday at which time the complaint will be made public.

According to the complaint Riggins conspired with Massimino and Caddick to distribute hydrocodone and in one case Riggins received \$9,000 in cash from Massimino for his assistance.

U.S. Attorney O'Neill stated, "This joint law enforcement investigation is an excellent example of how agencies can work together to weed out corruption. Everyday men and women in law enforcement put their lives on the line and no good deputy wants to work beside a bad one." This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Tampa Police Department, and the Pasco County Sheriff's Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Porcelli.

A complaint is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.