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ALTAMONTE SPRINGS POLICE OFFICER AND WIFE PLEAD GUILTY TO FEDERAL NARCOTICS AND FIREARMS CHARGES

Orlando, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill and Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent in Charge, ATF Tampa Field Division, today announced that Clay Adams ("Clay"), a 36-year-old Altamonte Springs Police Officer, and his wife, Robyn Adams ("Robyn"), age 32, both of Fern Park, pleaded guilty to a multiple count information charging them with federal narcotics and firearms charges. Specifically, Clay and Robyn jointly entered guilty pleas to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 1000 kilograms or more of marijuana and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person (drug user). Clay also entered guilty pleas to additional charges of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense, disposal of a firearm to a prohibited person (convicted felon), and unlawful possession of an unregistered National Firearms Act firearm (short-barreled rifle). The maximum penalty faced by both defendants is life imprisonment, a fine of up to \$4 million dollars and a term of supervised release of not less than five years.

According to the plea agreement, Clay approached a confidential informant in March 2008 and discussed establishing a marijuana grow house in Seminole County, Florida. Over the next several months, Clay provided the informant - a convicted felon - with a short-barreled rifle and other firearms, instructional material on cultivating marijuana, and confidential law enforcement information consisting of the identities, photographs and physical descriptions of the undercover agents assigned to the City-County Investigations

Bureau (CCIB), a Seminole County drug task force. In recorded conversations, both Clay and Robyn urged the informant to locate and rent a home that would serve as a marijuana grow house; they also repeatedly discussed with the informant their respective long-term addictions to illegal narcotics.

When the informant subsequently provided a purported rental home for the operation in July 2008, Clay and Robyn spent a weekend setting up a marijuana grow house using hydroponic supplies that Clay had purchased. Inside of the rental home, Clay and Robyn kept a shotgun and ammunition for the protection of the operation.

Clay and Robyn ultimately were arrested by law enforcement on July 21, 2008. Contemporaneous with their arrests, agents executed a federal search warrant of their automobiles and Seminole County residence. The search of these locations yielded seven additional firearms, two thousand rounds of assorted caliber ammunition, drug paraphernalia, 172.5 grams of marijuana, and 782 assorted prescription pain pills (including hydrocodone and oxycodone).

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Seminole County CCIB, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert E. Bodnar, Jr.