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**Suspect arrested for Murder as a result of distributing a controlled substance**

Seminole Co. (March 15, 2017) – Today the Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) announced the arrest of Tamas Harris for Murder as a result of distributing a controlled substance.

On December 17, 2016, Altamonte Springs Police Officers responded to the Lake Pointe Apartments in reference to a call of a deceased male, identified as Sonny Priest, 39, of Altamonte Springs. Responding officers observed evidence on scene that indicated the incident was drug related and notified the City County Investigative Bureau (CCIB) to assist.

The Medical Examiner's final autopsy report determined the cause of Priest's death to be the result of a heroin overdose. Through the course of the investigation it was discovered that Harris was the individual who supplied Priest the illegal drugs. CCIB agents then obtained a warrant for Harris' arrest. On March 9, contact was made with Harris at his home located on Morning Creek Circle in Apopka. He was arrested and booked into the Orange County Jail. On March 14, Harris was transported to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and remains incarcerated on a no bond status.

The CCIB is a multi-agency task force comprised of agents from SCSO, all seven police departments within Seminole County, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

*Arrestee: Tamas Harris, (DOB 12/9/98), 219 morning Creek Circle, Apopka*

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