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On April 10, 2019, at approximately 3:17 PM, members of the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Squad executed a search warrant at 1949 Palo Alto Ave, The Villages within Sumter County, Florida. The search warrant was in response to a month-long investigation at the above location after the Sheriff's Office received numerous complaints of suspicious persons, suspicious activity, and suspected drug activity.

Prior to the execution of the search warrant, a traffic stop was conducted in the driveway of 1949 Palo Alto Ave. on a maroon Chevrolet truck due to the occupants not wearing their seat belts. The driver was identified as Amy Sizemore and the passenger, identified as William John Verticelli, was a resident of the home located at numeric 1949. The driver was later arrested for driving while license suspended habitual and also had an active Marion County felony warrant.

During a search of the residence, the following items where located:

Numerous items of drug paraphernalia, marijuana, and methamphetamine were recovered during the search. Also located within the home was a sawed off / short barreled Ithaca 37 Featherlight 12 gauge shotgun and a Remington Model 1100 12 gauge shotgun and numerous articles of ammunition. Also recovered was a Gatorade bottle containing a hardened white substance around the bottom of it and it appeared it



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had been used for the manufacturing of Methamphetamine, which is consistent with clandestine laboratory operations. Within a lunch box container located in the northwest corner of the garage and empty container of lye, coffee filters, empty baggies, a breather tube, and a baggie containing a crystal-like substance suspected to be ammonia nitrate was located. Within the cabinet along the south wall of the garage, a bottle of Rotoo (Sulphuric Acid) and a bottle of liquid lightning drain opener were located. These items and chemicals are commonly found and utilized during clandestine laboratories operations associated with manufacturing Methamphetamine and are listed chemicals under Florida State Statute.

Within a safe along the north wall of the garage, an Ithaca 37 featherweight 12 gauge shotgun and a lever action Sears and Roebuck 30-30 rifle was located. There were also numerous rounds of ammunition recovered from the safe. All of the firearms were checked through FCIC/NCIC, which had negative results for any of the firearms being stolen.

A criminal history check was performed on William Verticelli revealing he had (8) felony convictions out of Florida.

William Verticelli was arrested for (5) counts of possessing a weapon or ammo by Florida convicted felon pursuant to Florida State Statute 790.23.1a, possessing a shot barreled gun pursuant to Florida State Statute 790.221, possessing listed chemicals with intent to manufacture controlled substances pursuant to Florida State Statute 893.149.1a, possession of Methamphetamine pursuant to Florida State Statute 893.13.6a, possession of Marijuana under 20 grams pursuant to Florida State Statute 893.13.6b, and possessing drug paraphernalia pursuant to Florida State Statute 893.147.1.

William Verticelli was transported to the Sumter County Jail for booking and processing where his bond amount was set at \$64,000.00 in accordance with the bond schedule.

An elder resident of the home was transported to the Villages Hospital for evaluation. The Department of Children and Families (DCF) was notified of the incident, which DCF advised would generate a report and follow up on the incident.