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## Sex Offender from Pennsylvania Arrested in Highlands County

### SEBRING –

On or about December, 7, 2016, Deputy Sheriff Cara Mosely, Highlands County Sheriff Office, who registers and checks on the sexual offenders and predators living in Highlands County, received information from the United States Marshal's Service that a **Josiah Uel Plummer**, 39 years of age, who is a sexual offender from Pennsylvania had absconded from that state and may be currently residing in Sebring, FL. Deputy Mosely's follow-up investigation learned that Plummer had not registered as a sex offender in the state of Florida and there was an active arrest warrant for Plummer out of Allegheny County, Pa; however, the state of Florida was outside of the pick-up order, so Plummer could not be arrested in Florida under the Pennsylvania arrest warrant.



Josiah Uel Plummer

Plummer, originally from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, had pled guilty, in December 2007, to Statutory Sexual Assault, Corruption of Minors and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in Allegheny County. As a result of this conviction, Plummer was sentenced to 10 to 20 months in Pennsylvania state prison, followed by 5 years of probation.

On December 21, 2016, based on information learned by Deputy Mosely's investigation she obtained an arrest warrant, though the Court in Highlands County for the charge of: *Failure of Sex Offender to Properly Register*. On the same date, Plummer was arrested by deputies of the Highlands County Sheriff's Office. During his arrest, deputies discovered drug paraphernalia and ammunition; hence, Plummer will face additional charges of: Possession of a weapon/ammo by a convicted felon and possession of drug paraphernalia. Plummer was booked into the Highlands County Jail, and is currently being held there under a no bond status.

Deputy Mosely commented that it was the information sharing between the U.S. Marshals Service, the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Unit and herself, which resulted in the arrest of this absconded sexual offender.