

LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Two Correctional Officers Arrested

On Sunday 08/01/10 Detectives with the Leon County Sheriff's Office Vice Unit arrested two Correctional Officers for Smuggling Contraband into the Leon County Detention Facility. LCSO's Vice Unit received information involving allegations that Correctional Officers were introducing contraband into the jail. This investigation has been going on for over a month.

On Monday 06/28/10 after conducting interviews with a confidential informant and jail inmates, Vice Detectives searched specific cells in the jail. They located and seized contraband items described as having been provided to Correctional Officer William Armbrecht, who then smuggled the items to inmates. These items consisted of pornographic magazines and cigarettes.

On Sunday 08/01/10 LCSO's Vice Unit made a covert controlled delivery consisting of the same contraband items, which were to be introduced into the Leon County Detention Facility by a Correctional Officer. The items were placed into the bed of a green Dodge Truck parked in the employee parking lot. The truck is registered to Correctional Officer John Hoffman. Vice Detectives conducted surveillance of Officer Hoffman and observed him come to his truck on break. Once he returned to the secure housing area of the jail, contact was made with him and the contraband items were located on his person.

Sheriff Campbell stated "It's sad when the actions of a few can tarnish the reputation of many hard working, honest employees. This type of activity simply cannot be tolerated; and it will not be as long as I'm Sheriff".

As a result of this investigation, both Correctional Officers were arrested. This investigation is ongoing and more charges are likely.

Hoffman has been an employee of the Sheriff's Office since November 1999 and Armbrecht since January 2008. Both employees were terminated.

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ARRESTED

William Armbrecht Jr.

DOB: 10/03/88

Charges: Smuggle Contraband/Introduce into Detention Facility (2 counts)

John J. Hoffman

DOB: 07/25/65

Charge: Smuggle Contraband/Introduce into Detention Facility

