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NEWS RELEASE

HPD Makes Arrests in Narcotics Investigation

HINESVILLE, Ga. (July 18, 2019) – On June 25, 2019, a surveillance operation by the Hinesville Police Department's (HPD) Narcotics Unit led to the arrest of 36 – year – old Samuel Mickel and the seizure of over an ounce of cocaine. Mickel was arrested for trafficking cocaine and obstruction of an officer for attempting to run during the arrest. At the time of his arrest, he was on parole for trafficking cocaine. Mickel is currently incarcerated in the Liberty County jail.

On July 3, 2019, a joint operation between the HPD's Narcotics Unit and Crime Suppression Unit resulted in the seizure of a quarter pound of marijuana and a firearm. As a result of this joint operation, 38 – year – old Johnnie Jackson was arrested and released to the custody of the Liberty County Jail.

After a 3 – month undercover investigation into the sales of methamphetamines, on July 11, 2019, the HPD's Narcotics Unit served a search warrant at the Travel Lodge Motel. During the search, officers arrested 32 – year – old Deron Hopkins and 29 – year – old Shanell Lee. Marijuana, methamphetamine, a firearm and items used for the packaging and distribution of illegal narcotics were seized. Hopkins and Lee are currently in the Liberty County Jail.

For more information about this case, please contact Whitney Morris – Reed, Public Relations Manger, at 912.408.3569 or wmorrisreed@cityofhinesville.org or Captain Tracy Howard at 912.368.8211.

ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:
The City of Hinesville was established in 1837 and is recognized as one of the fastest growing cities in the State of Georgia in both size and population. As the largest city in Liberty County, it serves as the county seat and is home to more than 35,000 people. For more information, visit cityofhinesville.org.

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