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NEWS RELEASE

Joint Operation by HPD and LSCO Results in Drug Seizure

HINESVILLE, Ga. (Dec. 3, 2019) – On November 21, 2019, a joint operation by the Hinesville Police Department (HPD) and Liberty County Sheriff’s Office (LSCO) Narcotics units resulted in the seizure of THC edibles (e.g. THC laced drinks, cookies, chocolate candy). Arrested during the operation was Fransico Velez (28). Velez is charged with 3 counts of Sales of a Schedule I Narcotic and Possession of a Schedule I Narcotic with Intent to Distribute; 2 counts of Possession of a Schedule II Narcotic; and 3 counts of the Use of a Communication Facility in the Commission of a Felony Involving Controlled Substances.

Velez was incarcerated in the Liberty County Jail and was later released on a forty-two-thousand-dollar bond.

The investigation is ongoing and other charges are pending.

If you have any information related to this incident, please contact the Hinesville Police Department at 912.368.8211 or contact Whitney Morris-Reed, Public Relations Manager, at wmorrisreed@cityofhinesville.org.

ABOUT THE CITY OF HINESVILLE:

The [City of Hinesville](http://cityofhinesville.org) 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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