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### Media Release

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**From:** Sergeant Donna Black  
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**Re:** New Serial Number Document Form Now Available

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In many instances when deputies respond to a scene of a burglary the home/business owner does not have serial numbers of the items stolen. Not having the serial numbers available greatly hinders the investigation because it is imperative we have the serial number in order to list the item in the state and national data base.

In order to assist the citizens in recording the serial numbers of their valuables, a form was developed with a list of commonly stolen items and is now available on our website. Anyone can access the form by going to [www.hernandosheriff.org](http://www.hernandosheriff.org), click on the icon on the far left side of the page named "Serial Number Document Form. Print out this form, record your serial numbers and place the form in a safe location.

For items which do not have a serial number such as jewelry, we suggest you describe the item in detail, take of pictures of the items and attach the pictures to your Serial Number Document Form. Pictures of the items enhance the investigation by assisting deputies and detectives in identifying your valuables.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office strongly urges all citizens to go to our website, print out the forms and utilize them to record your serial numbers. As we all know how the old saying goes "it is better to be safe than sorry".