



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**Re:** Sheriff Al Nienhuis Returns \$670,353 to Hernando County

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In September 2011, Sheriff Al Nienhuis informed the Board of County Commissioners that he projected to return at least \$400,000 of unspent budget dollars to the county to help reduce the budget deficit. Sheriff Al Nienhuis is pleased to announce today that his office has exceeded that projection by over \$250,000. The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is returning \$670,353 of unspent budget dollars from the 2011 fiscal year.

Additionally, the Sheriff's Office met two significant financial milestones during the year: (1) the goal of returning \$500,000 to Hernando County from the operation of the jail, and (2) the BOCC's request of a 5% contribution towards the County's budget deficit.

"Thanks to the continuous streamlining efforts of our Sheriff's Office personnel, as well as a summer that thankfully spared our community from natural or man-made disasters, we were able to return additional funds to the county," said Sheriff Al Nienhuis. "This larger-than-expected returned money will further assist the county in its effort to fund the many vital services that our citizens deserve and have come to expect. Maintaining a high level of public safety, in the most cost-effective manner possible, continues to remain a vital focus of my office."