



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: Missing Juvenile – Melaina Lee Hardy

Date: May 15, 2018

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is requesting assistance from our media partners and the community in locating a **MISSING JUVENILE**.

Melaina Lee Hardy has been missing since 05-02-18. Melaina is believed to have ties to Spring Hill, Brooksville and St. Petersburg.

Melaina has no known health concerns.

Melaina's physical description is as follows:

Black Female

Date of Birth – 01-04-2001

Height – 5'3"

Weight – 165 lbs.

Hair – Brown

Eyes – Brown

Last seen wearing – Off-white "peek-a-boo" shirt, black leggings and a rose gold/white pearl necklace.

If you have seen Melaina Lee Hardy, or know her current whereabouts, please call the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830 or your local law enforcement agency. Thank you.

The Office of Sheriff:

The Office of the Sheriff is established by the Florida Constitution. As a constitutional officer, the Sheriff has the exclusive authority to administer his or her agency and is responsible for preserving the peace throughout the entire county, carrying out the laws of the state, the orders of Florida courts, and the ordinances of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement and correctional officer of the county.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, and remains accountable to them.