



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Robbery and Attempted Sexual Battery - Bridgewater Club Apartment  
Complex

**Date:** June 4, 2018

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On 06-02-18 at approximately 2:10 a.m., Hernando County deputies were called to the Bridgewater Club Apartment complex regarding a Robbery and Attempted Sexual Battery that had just occurred.

Preliminary investigation reveals that a female resident was walking to her apartment, from another location within the complex, when she was attacked.

The victim told deputies that while she was walking, she was approached by a black male, in his early 30's, wearing a red shirt and unknown type/color pants. The male began making small talk with the victim. The two spoke briefly before the victim said goodbye and continued on her way.

Moments later, the suspect ran up behind the victim and knocked her to the ground. The suspect attempted to sexually batter the victim. The victim began screaming loudly, causing the suspect to flee the area on foot.

Before running away, the suspect took the victim's cell phone.

The investigation is still active and fluid. As details are verified, that will not compromise the investigation, additional information will be provided.

If you have any information on this case, please contact detective Chris Kraft at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office – 352-754-6830.

If you would like to remain anonymous – Please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip via the internet at

<http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> . You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 cash!

**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.