

Hernando County Sheriff's Office

P.O. BOX 10070 - BROOKSVILLE, FL 34603-0070 FAX 352 796-0493 PHONE 352 754-6830

Media Release

From: Denise M. Moloney

Community/Media Relations Manager, 352-797-3609

Re: Sheriff Warns of Tree-Trimming Scam

Date: July 16, 2018

Sheriff Al Nienhuis is warning residents of a tree-trimming scam plaguing Hernando County.

Detectives have recently received reports regarding persons being hired to preform tree-trimming who are not completing the work once they have been paid.

Once paid in full for the job, the individuals perform little to no work and then offer an excuse to leave. They never return to complete the work.

If you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Detective Jason Tippin at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office – 352-754-6830.

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.