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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Man Charged with Filing False Police Report

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On 04-02-13, Steven Peluso reported to Hernando County deputies that he had been robbed at gunpoint in the area of Kass Circle, in Spring Hill. Peluso told the deputies that the thief stole \$100 in cash from him. Deputies noted several inconsistencies in the story.

Detectives were assigned to the case for further investigation. Once in contact with Peluso, they swore him in before taking his statement. Again, he gave the same story.

It was when the detectives pointed out the many inconsistencies in the story that Steven Peluso admitted that he made the whole thing up!

Peluso told detectives that he went to a residence on Kass Circle to purchase prescription pills (illegal narcotics). He gave the individual the money for the pills and then the individual fled on foot, without handing over the pills. When Peluso got home he did not know what to tell his wife so he made up the whole “armed robbery” story.

Detectives charged Steven Peluso with False Report of the Commission of a Crime.