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Media Release

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Re: Tropical Weather Outlook from the National Weather Service

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For the North Atlantic...Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico:

1. A large area of disturbed weather associated with a westward-moving tropical wave is located a little more than 1000 miles east of the Lesser Antilles.

This system is gradually becoming better organized, and conditions are forecast to be favorable for a tropical depression to form this weekend or early next week. This disturbance is expected to move toward the west-northwest and then northwest over the central Atlantic during the next several days.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...medium...50 percent

* Formation chance through 5 days...high...80 percent

2. Cloudiness and showers located just north of the northern Leeward Islands and Puerto Rico are spreading west-northwestward with no signs of organization. Environmental conditions are not expected to be conducive for significant development.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...low...10 percent

* Formation chance through 5 days...low...10 percent

3. Satellite wind data indicate that low pressure located in the Straits of Florida is producing squalls of 30 to 35 mph east of its center.

If the system's thunderstorm activity persists or increases in organization, it could result in the formation of a tropical depression later today or Saturday.

However, even if a depression forms, upper-level winds are not favorable for significant development while the system moves westward into the southeastern Gulf of Mexico. This system could produce squalls and gusty winds in the Florida Keys tonight and Saturday.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...medium...40 percent

* Formation chance through 5 days...medium...40 percent

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.