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Re: Sheriff Announces New Director of Scientific Investigations Unit

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Sheriff Al Nienhuis is pleased to announce a new Director of the Scientific Investigations Unit at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office.

After dedicating 11 years of service to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, Director Timothy Whitfield retired in the beginning of October.

In a swearing in ceremony this morning at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Al Nienhuis announced Whitfield's replacement. Mrs. Kinsey Boylan, also an 11 year veteran, will take over the reins as the Director of Scientific Investigations.

Mrs. Boylan has vast experience in forensics. She has served the Hernando County Sheriff's Office for the last 11 years in the Scientific Investigations Unit, as a Forensic Specialist, acting as supervisor in the absence of Director Whitfield.

Mrs. Boylan holds an Associate of Science Degree in Crime Scene Technology from St. Petersburg College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Science-Criminal Justice from the University of South Florida.

Mrs. Boylan has received extensive training in Scientific Investigations to include the following: Basic Crime Gun Recognition, Handling, Technology, and Prosecution; Bloodstain Interpretation; Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis; Crime Scene Reconstruction; Math & Physics for Bloodstain Pattern Analysis; DNA Evidence; and FDIAl Training Conferences.

Mrs. Boylan is qualified as an expert in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis and is an active member of the Florida Division International Association for Identification (FDIAI) and currently serves as their Region 3 Director. She performs Forensic Science presentations at the elementary, middle, and high schools in Hernando County and to the Citizens Academy.

Mrs. Boylan is a life-long Hernando County resident. She is happily married to her husband Jim, a Hernando County Deputy Sheriff. Together, they have three children.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis said, “Ms. Boylan is following in the footsteps of a very well-known and well-respected Director. Fortunately, her education and her experience have given her the foundation to build upon the already great reputation of the Scientific Investigations Unit. Although they are not able to do everything the crime scene investigators do on television, it often amazes me how close they actually come to duplicating many of the accomplishments of their television counterparts. The major difference is that it takes them longer than the 30 to 60 minutes it takes on the small screen. Ms. Boylan and her team will continue to work hard, often behind the scenes and in the laboratory, after collecting a mountain of evidence in the field, doing their parts to bring serious criminals to justice.”

The men and women of the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office would like to congratulate Kinsey on her promotion and offer her support as she transitions into her new role. Congratulations.

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.