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Media Release

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Re: Patrol Car Struck with Gunfire

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On 01-11-17 at approximately 11 p.m., deputies conducting proactive patrol in the South Brooksville area attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a black Toyota. The driver fled in the vehicle and the front-seat passenger fled on foot.

Deputies have two individuals in custody. One individual is still being sought.

While investigating this incident, the patrol vehicle the two deputies were in was fired upon and was subsequently struck by a bullet. No deputies were injured.

The situation is fluid at this time.

When additional information is available we will update. There is NO additional information available at this time.

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.