



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Homicide Investigation - Burwell Road

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On 01-21-17 at approximately 8:09 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were called to the area of Burwell Road (approximately one quarter of a mile south of Cortez Boulevard) regarding a body in the wood line.

Upon arrival, deputies met with the caller, a passerby who discovered the body of a female lying on the east side of the roadway as he drove past. The caller immediately notified authorities.

Through investigation, detectives have identified the body as that of Robin Patterson, 28, of Lacoochee. Patterson has no permanent address listed in Lacoochee.

Investigation revealed Patterson was the victim of homicidal violence.

Anyone having information on this case is asked to contact Detective Tom Breedlove at 352-754-6830.

**If you would like to remain anonymous – Please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandosheriff.org/Tips> . You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 cash!**

This case remains active. No additional information will be released 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.