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Re: Sheriff Thinking Outside the Box to Track Sex Offenders

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Currently, there are 416 registered **sexual offenders** residing in Hernando County, 36 of those are classified as **sexual predators**.

Since 2010, the number of sexual offenders living in Hernando County has continued to climb as evidenced in the data below.

Date	Offenders	Predators	Total
October 2010	300	17	317
October 2011	322	20	342
October 2012	332	20	352
October 2013	331	22	353
October 2014	344	28	372
October 2015	350	35	385
October 2016	370	31	401

With only one full-time Major Case detective assigned to monitor sexual offenders/predators **and** maintain his regular case load, Sheriff Al Nienhuis recently made the decision to temporarily reassign the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit Corporal to assist with Sexual Offender and Predator Tracking as the case load is so heavy.

Requirements placed upon sexual offenders and predators are as follows:

- Most sexual offenders must register at the Sheriff's Office twice per year.
- Most sexual predators must register at the Sheriff's Office four times per year.

- Every sexual offender and predator must register at the Sheriff's Office every time they move (change their residential address).

Requirements placed upon the law enforcement officer(s) responsible for monitoring the Sexual Offender/Predator Tracking Program:

- Performing most sexual offender and sexual predator registrations at HCSO.
- Performing sexual offender and sexual predator checks, every 90 days at each individual's residence, on all offenders who are not on probation.
- Working closely with Probation Officer to ensure they are no absconders and/or reoffenders.

While only assigned to Sexual Offender/Predator Tracking (SPOT) for one week, Marine Unit Corporal Steve Kelly has been able to arrest two sexual offenders, Bobby Hill Jr. and Ronald Olney, for Failure to Register as Required.

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.