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Re: Barricaded Subject Situation Resolved Peacefully

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On 02-21-17 at approximately 4:20 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to 21342 Anderson Road in Brooksville regarding a male who was acting irrational.

The caller stated a male, wearing only a pair of boxer shorts, was on the roof of the home in question, and he was removing shingles from the roof.

When deputies arrived, they met with a family member of the male who had been on the roof. She advised them he was now locked inside the residence, by himself, and that he told her that he was "seeing demons." The family member also told deputies that at one point the male, now identified as Demetrius Henley, had a knife in his possession.

Deputies knocked on the door in an attempt to speak to Henley. Henley refused to come out. During the dialogue, deputies could hear furniture being slid across the tile floor and up against both doors of the residence. During this time, Henley told deputies there were "demons in the house" and he was "talking to aliens."

The family member who was in contact with deputies confirmed that Henley is known to use narcotics.

From the outside of the residence, deputies could hear what sounded like an aluminum baseball bat being used to hit things inside. The family member gave deputies permission to enter the residence.

Deputies forced entry through the front door. Once inside, deputies observed numerous items broken inside the residence. Several announcements were given for Henley to exit, which he failed to do.

Deputies made their way through the residence searching for Henley to find that he had barricaded himself in a bedroom. He had barricaded the door with a wood-frame, queen-size bed to prevent their entry.

Fearing that Henley was going to harm himself, deputies again forced entry into the bedroom. Still armed with the aluminum baseball bat, Henley continued to scream obscenities and talk irrationally as he retreated into a closet. Henley refused to comply with commands to exit the closet with his hands up, at which time a deputy deployed a single less-lethal shotgun round, striking Henley center mass. This had an immediate effect on Henley, and he was taken into protective custody.

“Dealing with individuals in an altered mental state is not uncommon for law enforcement. These encounters, unfortunately, occur with even more frequency as our population increases and as people experiment with more powerful and more dangerous drugs. It never ceases to amaze me how many times the deputies are able to take the person into custody with few, if any, injuries, despite how unpredictable and dangerous the situation,” said Sheriff Al Nienhuis.

Due to the extensive damage done to the inside of the residence, Henley will be charged with Felony Criminal Mischief.

Once medically cleared, Henley was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being held on a \$5,000 bond. It should be noted that Henley also had two Misdemeanor Capias for his arrest; they were as follows:

- FTA – DWLSW/Second Offense
- FTA – Resist or Obstruct w/o Violence Bond \$2,000 (count 1)
- FTA – Provide False Name to LEO Bond \$2,000 (count 2).

It should also be noted that Emergency Department physicians advised deputies that Henley tested positive for methamphetamine.

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.