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Media Release

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Re: Man Arrested After Pointing Firearm at Deputies

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On 02-25-17 at approximately 1:30 p.m., Hernando County deputies were dispatched to the area of Mariner Boulevard and Spring Hill Drive regarding a possible road rage incident.

It was reported that a male, later identified as Adam Goodman, was driving a white Chrysler 300 and pointing a .12 gauge shotgun at and threatening to kill other drivers.

Refusing to stop for deputies, Goodman continued westbound on Spring Hill Drive from Mariner Boulevard in the Chrysler.

At one point Goodman stopped in the center turn lane on Spring Hill Drive. Deputies S. Johnson and K. Carter attempted a felony stop on Goodman. Goodman refused to exit his vehicle. When deputies arrived at the driver's side of his vehicle to speak to him, they observed the shotgun pointing out the window, while in his lap. Goodman told both deputies, "I'll kill you and your families." Goodman then fled westbound again.

In order to stop Goodman's vehicle, Sergeant Derik Deso began to deploy "stop sticks" at the intersection of Spring Hill Drive and Deltona Boulevard. As Goodman approached the intersection, he swerved directly toward Sergeant Deso as he deployed the "stop sticks." To avoid being struck by Goodman's vehicle, Deso had to quickly jump out of the way.

Goodman then ran over the "stop sticks" which caused all four tires to slowly deflate.

Goodman continued westbound on Spring Hill Drive until he reached Port Court, where his vehicle became inoperable. Several deputies were on scene to conduct a felony stop. Adam Goodman exited his vehicle when directed to do so and was taken into custody without incident.

Due to Goodman's erratic and aggressive behavior, he was transported to Bayfront Health Spring Hill for medical clearance before being transported to the Hernando County Detention Center.

Upon interviewing one of the victims, the incident began in the area of the YMCA on Mariner Boulevard. Goodman, along with several other drivers, was sitting in traffic. Goodman began screaming obscenities at the drivers and pointing the shotgun at them. While pointing the shotgun at the victims, Goodman advised that he was going to kill them. Deputies located the .12 gauge shotgun on the front seat of Goodman's vehicle.

Adam Michael Goodman W/M DOB/08-16-1981 was charged as follows:

- Assault on LEO (3 counts)
- Aggravated Assault (3 counts)
- Possession of Marijuana
- Battery on LEO
- Flee/Elude
- Resist w/o Violence
- **Bond - \$54,000.**

Once Goodman was interviewed, he stated that he believed that the federal government was following him and he needed the shotgun for protection. Goodman denied taking any type of narcotics. A small amount of marijuana was located in the vehicle. He was medically cleared and charged accordingly.

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.