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Media Release

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Re: HCSO Investigation Leads to Arrests in Sexual Battery, Robbery Cases

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On 03-07-17 at approximately 4:17 a.m., Hernando County deputies were dispatched to the area of Northcliffe Baptist Church in Spring Hill. The caller, observing a male subject fleeing the area, found a woman in a nearby field who appeared in distress.

As deputies were on this scene, 911 dispatchers received a call at approximately 4:52 a.m. from the owner of Best Cleaners & Laundry, 4315 Lamson Ave., Spring Hill, in reference to a possible attempted burglary. The business is located in close proximity to the church.

The business owner had reviewed surveillance video from earlier that morning which revealed a woman, later identified as the victim located near the church, attempting to kick in the rear door of the business.

The video also showed a man, later identified as **Richard Bunyan Mosby Jr., B/M DOB/8/11/92**, attempting to remove the woman from the area. Further review of the surveillance video by investigators indicated, that prior to the victim attempting to kick in the door to the business, she could be seen lying on the ground, incapacitated, near the business.

The video shows Mosby sexually battering the victim while she lies motionless during the attack. When the victim regains consciousness, she appears to attempt to enter the business for safety.

The video also reveals Mosby attempting to lead the woman away from the business where he eventually succeeds in moving her out of range of the video camera.

While this investigation was ongoing, another 911 call was received at approximately 6 a.m. in reference to a strong arm robbery near Lamson Avenue and Hearth Road, a short distance from where the reported sexual battery occurred.

The victim in this case reported she was walking east on Hearth Road. She was on her way to the bus stop for work when she was attacked by a man, later identified as Mosby. The victim said the suspect knocked her to the ground and began choking her.

The victim advised she lost consciousness for a moment, then began to twist and fight back. She said she was able to scratch the suspect on the side of the mouth.

She was eventually able to get the suspect to release her. The victim said her attacker fled the area with her cell phone and other miscellaneous property.

The description the victim provided to detectives matched the description of the suspect in the sexual battery case.

During this time, in an attempt to locate the suspect, a K-9 unit was dispatched to the site of the sexual battery. Deputy Jason Jernigan and K-9 Dzel were able to track the suspect from Best Cleaners & Laundry to his residence located at 4276 Goldcoast Ave., Spring Hill. Mosby was found hiding in a rubber container located in the garage.

Mosby was taken into custody without further incident.

When questioned later, the victim from the sexual battery case told detectives she did not recall any of the events of the previous night or morning, and she did not give her consent to have sex with anyone, including Mosby.

The victim did recall going to Delirium Sports Bar & Lounge, 4241 Mariner Blvd., the previous night where she had met Mosby for the first time. She could not recall leaving the bar. Detectives then responded to the bar where they accessed surveillance video from that night.

The staff confirmed the victim, along with Mosby, and a second suspect, **Kurtis Ray Edie, W/M DOB/12/24/91**, were seen talking and that all three went into the bathroom together on multiple occasions.

A detective then made contact with Edie, who confirmed he had been out with the victim the night in question. Edie initially denied having sexual contact with the victim.

However, he did advise when he went into the bathroom he saw Mosby having sex with the victim. After further questioning, Edie admitted he also had sex with the victim in the bathroom.

Edie advised the victim appeared disoriented during the entire sexual encounter and did not have the ability to consent to having sex. Mosby also later confirmed to investigators that he had sex with the victim without her consent on both occasions.

Mosby's charges are as listed below:

- **Robbery, no Firearm or Weapon**
- **Two counts of Sexual Battery**

- **Burglary of an Unoccupied Conveyance**
- **Burglary of an Unoccupied Dwelling**

Bond: \$120,000.

Eddie's charge is listed below:

- **Sexual Battery**

Bond: \$10,000.

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.