



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Suicide - Osowaw Boulevard

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On 03-21-17 just after 10 a.m., Hernando County deputies were dispatched to the area of Osowaw Boulevard near Indian Bay Road. The area in question is in proximity to the Aripeka Community Club.

A caller reported observing a male lying on the side of the road with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to his upper body.

Upon arrival, deputies discovered the male was obviously deceased.

Investigation revealed the male suffered from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Detectives have contacted next of kin in Hudson, FL.

While the Hernando County Sheriff's Office does not normally offer information on events such as this, we felt it important to let residents in the area know that there was no need for alarm, as there was no random act of violence in the area.

#### **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.