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Media Release

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Re: Detectives Charge Trio with Months-Long Burglary Spree

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The burglaries began in December and continued through February, sending Hernando County Sheriff's deputies and District Two detectives in all directions searching for leads.

Between 12-21-16 and 12-29-16, a series of nine Vehicle Burglaries and four Residential Burglaries were reported in the Sterling Hills subdivision in Spring Hill. Deputies also took a report of Loitering and Prowling; however, no burglary occurred. Fortunately, video surveillance was obtained in one or more of the cases.

On 12-29-16, an Armed Vehicle Burglary was reported at 13170 Cori Loop in Spring Hill (Pristine Place subdivision). During the burglary, a firearm was stolen.

On 01-19-17, an Armed Vehicle Burglary was reported at a Hernando County Sheriff's deputy's residence in Spring Hill. The suspects shot out a window, and again they stole a firearm from the vehicle. Video surveillance was obtained of the suspect.

On 01-20-17, a series five of Vehicle Burglaries occurred in the area of Danforth Road in Spring Hill. While committing these burglaries, the suspects were confronted by the victims. The suspects fired shots at three of the victims, committing Aggravated Assault.

On 02-28-17, two Vehicle Burglaries were reported in Spring Hill. One of the vehicles was a Hernando County Sheriff's detective's unmarked vehicle. This was the last burglary reported.

On 03-21-17, Hernando County Sheriff's detectives received information that a backpack was recovered in Pasco County containing items stolen in the burglary that occurred 01-19-17. The firearm is still missing.

On 03-31-17, Detective Tom Breedlove arrested Nolan Vernin Kane and Corry Ray Myers Jr. for Robbery (unrelated case). While conducting this investigation, Breedlove located items in the possession of Myers from one of the burglaries that occurred on 02-28-17.

District Two Detective Eric Dunn interviews Myers and Kane regarding the burglaries. Both Myers and Kane admit to committing approximately 12 Vehicle Burglaries during the month of December in the Sterling Hills subdivision.

On 04-04-17, District Two Detective Shawn Galarza receives an Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) hit on Corry Ray Myers Jr. for a Residential Burglary from December 2016 in Sterling Hills.

On 04-24-17, District Two detectives arrest Myers, Kane, and Malike Downey, who was identified as a third suspect by the other two suspects in a prior interview. Interviews with Downey and Kane yield confessions to all of the burglaries that occurred in Sterling Hills, both burglaries that occurred on 02-28-17, the burglary on Cori Loop, the burglary that occurred on 01-19-17 where a deputy's window was shot out and a firearm stolen, and the burglaries/shooting that occurred on Danforth Road in Spring Hill.

Search warrants were executed on the residences of Myers, Kane, and Downey. The search warrants yielded the recovery of numerous items of stolen property from the various burglary investigations in Sterling Hills.

"These criminals were an obvious menace to the residents of Spring Hill. Making this case, with this many charges, was a challenge for my investigators, but clearly shows their unparalleled dedication and commitment to holding crooks accountable," said Sheriff Al Nienhuis.

The arrestees are listed below and charged as follows:

- **Corry Ray Myers B/M DOB/01-03-1998**
 - Loitering and Prowling
 - Burglary Conveyance (13 counts)
 - Armed Burglary Conveyance (7 counts)
 - Aggravated Assault/Discharge of Firearm (3 counts)
 - Burglary Dwelling
 - Bond - \$231,500
- **Malike Alija Josias Downey B/M DOB/04-27-1997**
 - Loitering and Prowling
 - Burglary Conveyance (9 counts)
 - Principle to Armed Burglary Conveyance (2 counts)
 - Burglary Dwelling
 - Bond - \$100,500
- **Nolan Vernin Kane W/M DOB/06-03-1999 (Juvenile)**
 - Loitering and Prowling
 - Burglary Conveyance (9 counts)
 - Remanded to Department of Juvenile Justice.

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.