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Media Release

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Re: Care Line Saves the Day

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Earlier this morning, Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a residence in the Heather subdivision after phone calls placed by HCSO Care Line clerks to a Care Line client went unanswered.

Upon arrival, deputies found the garage door partially open and made entry into the home. The female client was discovered on the floor of her bedroom, having fallen off of the bed hours earlier. She was unable to get up on her own.

Hernando County Fire Rescue was summoned to the scene.

The female was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation.

Had this resident not been a part of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Care Line Program, this scenario could have ended tragically.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis said, "This program provides daily checks on dozens and dozens of at risk citizens in Hernando County. When we are fortunate enough to find a participant in the early stages of an incident like this, it clearly shows how important this program is to our community and our first responders. We shudder to think what the outcome would have been if this person had not signed up for Care Line."

If you are interested in learning more about the Care Line Program, please follow the link below.

<http://www.hernandosheriff.org/Programs/Careline/Default.htm>

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.