



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: HCSO Assisting the FHP in Locating Fleeing Suspect

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Hernando County Sheriff's deputies, K-9 Units, and Aviation Unit are currently on scene in the area of Cortez Boulevard and Portage Path (eastern Hernando County) assisting the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) in locating a fleeing suspect.

The male suspect, who was driving a stolen vehicle, fled from FHP Troopers when they attempted to conduct a traffic stop.

The male suspect then fled on foot from the stolen vehicle in the area of Cortez Boulevard and Portage Patch. His description is as follows:

- W/M
- Short brown hair
- Approximately 36 years old
- Approximately 5'10"
- Unknown weight
- Blue shirt
- Khaki shorts.

If you see this individual, please call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not approach, as he may be armed.

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.