



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Escaped Prisoner from Lake City Captured in Withlacoochee State Forest

**Date:** June 3, 2017

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On 6-3-17, at 3:51 p.m., Hernando County sheriff's deputies responded to the Croom Tract of the Withlacoochee State Forest in search of an escaped prisoner from a Lake City facility, who was believed to be hiding in the forest.

Deputies were searching for **Tyler Michael Trutt, W/M DOB 9/19/1996**, who failed to return from a job Friday in Gilchrist County associated with a work release program at the Lake City Bridge Community Release Center, in Columbia County, a community release center that contracts with the Florida Department of Corrections.

The Aviation Unit and K-9 Unit were called in to assist with the search for Trutt, who is originally from the Brooksville area.

Deputies were able to locate Trutt, who was driving a stolen vehicle, on Trail 7 of the Croom Tract, in Brooksville. Shortly before 5 p.m., Trutt was taken into custody without incident.

No additional details are available at this time.

#### **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.