

## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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## **Media Release**

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Re: Detectives Seeking Witnesses to Shooting

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On 07-17-17 at approximately 7:20 p.m., a representative from Oak Hill Hospital notified the Hernando County Sheriff's Office that a male juvenile arrived in the emergency department suffering from a gunshot wound.

Deputies and detectives were immediately dispatched to the hospital.

Physicians treating the male juvenile advised detectives that the gunshot wound was not life-threatening.

According to the victim, the incident took place "somewhere in Spring Hill." Detectives have yet to verify the actual location where the shooting took place.

Detectives are asking anyone with information on this incident, to please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, Detective Irene Gray, at 352-754-6830.

If you would like to remain anonymous – Please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip via the internet at <a href="http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com">http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com</a>. You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 cash!

## 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.