



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Two Juveniles Arrested for Vehicle Burglaries

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On 07-20-17, a victim observed what he believed to be a vehicle burglary in progress at his residence, located at 15304 Shady Street in Brooksville. The homeowner exited his residence and confronted the two individuals who were rifling through his vehicle. Both suspects fled on foot. The homeowner gave chase, catching and detaining one of the individuals.

Deputies responded and took custody of the individual that the homeowner had detained. The individual was identified as Austin Brady, 17 of Brooksville. Brady told deputies the individual who got away was Carl-Lee Viereck, also 17.

Detective Blake Vanderford was called in to interview Brady due to several other recent property crimes occurring in the immediate area.

Brady confessed to his involvement in a recent vehicle burglary, advising detectives some of the property taken from the vehicle was at his residence, located at 15231 Blair Avenue in Brooksville. As detectives began asking questions about other cases, Brady became uncooperative and stopped answering questions.

During a search of Brady's property (a red Buccaneers bag), incident to arrest, detectives located a Samsung Galaxy phone. Detectives contacted the owner of the phone, who discovered the phone had been stolen out of her vehicle sometime within the last month. The vehicle had been parked at her residence, located at 15353 Shady Street in Brooksville.

Detectives determined that a search warrant would be required for Brady's residence and began authoring same.

Carl-Lee Viereck was located at 16267 Sacramento Avenue, his residence. He was taken into custody and transported to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office for an interview. Post

Miranda, Viereck confessed to his involvement in the case and confirmed Brady's involvement. Viereck was cooperative with detectives, confessing to one other vehicle burglary.

Numerous burglaries were discovered by detectives; some of which had gone unreported (possibly undetected) by the owners.

Detectives also recovered stolen property from Viereck's residence.

A short time later, District One Detectives, Patrol Deputies, Animal Enforcement, and Forensics responded to 15231 Blair Avenue, the residence of Austin Brady, to execute the search warrant.

Pursuant to the search warrant, detectives located a firearm with three magazines, credit cards, electronic devices, numerous cell phones, women's purses, tablets, a laptop, and several items of drug paraphernalia inside Brady's bedroom.

The juveniles were charged as follows:

- **Austin Brady W/M DOB/08-01-1999**
  - Drug Equipment/Possession and/or Use
  - Burglary Conveyance Unoccupied/Unarmed (5 counts)
  - Grand Theft
  - Burglary of Dwelling/Structure/Conveyance – Armed
  - **Transported to DJJ Regional Facility**
- **Carl-Lee Viereck W/M DOB/08-29-1999**
  - Burglary Conveyance Unoccupied/Unarmed (4 counts)
  - **Released to parents – Per DJJ.**

**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.