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Media Release

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Re: Local Teens Charged with Commercial Burglary and Grand Theft Auto

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On o8-o3-17, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office received a report of a Commercial Burglary at the Register Chevrolet dealership located at 14181 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville.

Upon arrival, deputies noted a service garage had been entered by unknown suspects. Once inside, the suspects accessed an office which contained keys to numerous vehicles in the garage and on the lot.

A representative from Register Chevrolet arrived on scene and conducted an inventory of the vehicles. When the inventory was complete, three vehicles were either unaccounted for or had been moved from their original location. A 2017 white Chevrolet Silverado valued at \$72,000 and a red Chevrolet Silverado valued at \$40,000 were both missing, and a Chevrolet Equinox valued at \$32,000 had been moved within the lot and had mileage on it that was unaccounted for.

During the investigation, deputies also discovered a gate on the northeast side of the lot, valued at \$1,500, had been broken by what appeared to be one of the stolen vehicles.

A teal colored tricycle and a pink bicycle had been abandoned on the car lot.

When District One detectives arrived on scene, they immediately recognized the two bicycles as being the property of the residents at 14205 Edmonds Street in Brooksville (Brookridge). This address is approximately ½ mile from the burglary scene. Both patrol deputies and detectives have dealt with the individuals at this address over the past several month on numerous cases.

A deputy on scene also provided information that he observed Julius Matusiak on the teal tricycle and his sister, Jaylynn Matusiak, on the pink bicycle on the evening of 08-02-17 in the

area of Coastal Way Plaza, headed towards Brookridge and Register Chevrolet. The siblings had another female with them, identified as "Becky."

Deputies located the white Chevrolet Silverado in the parking lot of the Capital City Bank, 14001 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville. This vehicle was used to ram the gate at the dealership, allowing the suspects to exit the property. The vehicle had significant damage and was covered in mud.

The red Chevrolet Silverado was located at 13030 Taft Street in Brooksville, about a mile away from the dealership. Three sets of footprints were observed leaving the scene. The footprints led directly to Brookridge.

Detectives responded to 14205 Edmonds Street where contact was made with Jamie Bohnenberger, mother of Julius Matusiak and Jaylynn Matusiak. Bohnenberger advised her children, Julius and Jaylynn, Rebeccah (Becky) Otter, and Adriana Valle had run away for several hours the previous night and returned home at approximately 3 a.m. Bohnenberger further advised she knew they had done something illegal based on their demeanor, which led her to talk to Julius, who advised they broke into Register Chevrolet and had stolen a car. Bohnenberger advised she heard Jaylynn talking on her cell phone about driving a car recklessly.

Detectives interviewed the suspects and completed said investigation, which revealed the suspects committed the Commercial Burglary and three counts of Grand Theft Auto.

During the interviews, it was learned that Julius, Jaylynn, and Becky were responsible for burglaries to several RV's located across the street, also Register Chevrolet, the night before. The trio stole televisions from the RV's and had them at their residence.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis said, "The average citizen may think that most juvenile crime consists of a young person stealing a candy bar from the grocery store when mom's back is turned. The truth is that juvenile offenders are getting younger, more brazen and traveling further when committing their crimes. It is not unusual for a stolen car to be full of armed children, most of whom are not even old enough to have a driver's license. It is also common for them to travel 50 to 100 miles in that stolen car to break into cars, homes, or businesses. Although we all have a heart for misguided youth, we also have concern for the victims. Our juvenile justice system must do more to protect and prevent future victims. Unfortunately, the only truly effective method for repeat offenders that is currently available is incarceration."

All four suspects were placed under arrest and charged as follows:

• Julius Matusiak W/M DOB/02-04-2005

- o Burglary w/Damage Over, Grand Theft over \$100K
- o Commercial Burglary, Grand Theft over \$300
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- o TOT DJJ

Jaylynn Matusiak W/F DOB/o8-o3-2003

- o Burglary w/Damage Over, Grand Theft over \$100K
- o Commercial Burglary, Grand Theft over \$300
- o TOT-DJJ

• Rebeccah (Becky) Otter W/M DOB/01-04-2002

- o Burglary w/Damage Over, Grand Theft over \$100K
- o Commercial Burglary, Grand Theft over \$300
- o Commercial Burglary, Grand Theft over \$300
- o Commercial Burglary, Grand Theft over \$300
- o TOT DJJ

Adriana Valle W/F DOB/01-15-1999

- o Burglary w/Damage Over, Grand Theft over \$100K
- o Bond \$20,000.

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.