



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** HCSO Deputy Locates Man In Need of Assistance After Fall

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On 7-27-17 at approximately 12:45 a.m., Hernando County sheriff's deputies responded to Deerfield Estates in reference to a caller who reported hearing an unknown person yelling for help.

Upon arrival, deputies were initially unable to locate anyone in need of assistance in the area of Moondance Circle and Burbank Drive, Brooksville.

Deputy Daniel Whitlock then decided to turn off his patrol car and canvass the area on foot. He felt the noise from the cruiser's engine might be hindering his ability to hear someone calling for help.

Following a short search, Deputy Whitlock was able to locate an elderly man lying on the ground in need of assistance.

The man told deputies he had fallen outside of his home on Moondance Circle several hours prior and had been unable to get up.

The man had a laceration on his arm, and had also hit his head during the fall.

Deputy Whitlock noted that if he had not been on foot the injured man would not have likely been found until morning. The elderly man was treated on scene for his injuries and released.

**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.**