



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Detention Center Inmate Dies

**Date:** August 21, 2017

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**Daniel Jerry Ozee W/M DOB/07-07-1962** was arrested by Hernando County deputies on 08-02-17 for Failure to Appear.

On 08-21-17 at 3:45 a.m., Ozee was found unresponsive in bed by his cell mates. Detention staff performed life saving measures until paramedics arrived. Paramedics took over life saving measures until the time they declared Ozee deceased.

Hernando County Sheriff's Office Forensics staff processed the scene and his body was turned over to the Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy.

**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.