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Media Release

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Re: Spring Hill Woman Charged with Two Counts of Animal Cruelty

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On 9-18-17, deputies with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office responded to 14120 Cobra Drive, Spring Hill, in reference to a Department of Children and Families request for assistance.

Upon arrival, deputies made contact with a DCF investigator who indicated there were concerns regarding the living conditions within the home.

Deputies noted the home was dirty and the odor of urine could be smelled from outside of the residence. The home also did not have running water.

Deputies proceeded to speak with the homeowner, **Jennie Card W/F DOB/07-31-1973**, who indicated she had a lot of dogs and that two might attempt to bite deputies if they attempted to enter the home.

Deputies called the Animal Enforcement Unit for assistance in dealing with large number of animals inside the home. A total of 24 dogs were found on the property.

In addition to the dogs, deputies also found two cats and two birds inside the residence. Once inside, deputies found the floor of the residence completely covered in fecal matter and urine.

Animal Service Officers located one dog in severe distress with an injured back right paw. They noted the bones on the paw were exposed and had been bandaged using duct tape. The dog was also found to be extremely malnourished.

Animal Service Officers also found a cat with a wound on its neck that was covered in puss. The cat was also found to be malnourished and emitting a foul odor from its wound.

All of the animals at the residence were seized by Animal Services. A child was removed from the property by the DCF.

Card told deputies while she was the primary caregiver for all of the animals she could not afford to pay for medical treatment for any of animals.

Card was arrested on two counts of **Animal Cruelty**. Her bond was set at \$2,000.

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.