



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: Deputy Involved Shooting – Broad Street (U.S. 41)

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On 9-22-17, a bank robbery at the Capital City Bank led to a deputy-involved shooting of the suspect.

Deputies initially responded to Capital City Bank, 14001 Cortez Boulevard, Brooksville, at 10:49 a.m. Friday in reference to a report of a bank robbery. There were also reports of a possible hostage.

Around 11:16 a.m., deputies spotted the suspect's truck in an area behind Bayfront Health Brooksville (Hospital).

The driver, later identified as **Scott Michael Chamberlain W/M DOB/10-15-1972**, fled the scene and led deputies on a chase east on Cortez Boulevard, north on Cobb Road and then east onto Fort Dade Avenue. During the chase the suspect rammed several patrol vehicles.

Shortly before 11:30 a.m., the driver turned on to U.S. 98, which shortly thereafter merged into Broad St., heading south.

Chamberlain's vehicle became inoperable just north of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard where deputies engaged the suspect. During this encounter several deputies discharged their weapons.

The suspect was transported from the scene to a local hospital where he was later pronounced dead as a result of his injuries.

A possible hostage, later identified as Shamere Baugh, was safely removed from the truck by deputies and treated by fire rescue. No deputies were injured during the shooting. All deputies who discharged their firearms have been placed on administrative leave as per standard policy.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is handling the investigation as per standard protocol. In deputy-involved shooting investigations, the FDLE works with the State Attorney's Office to determine whether the use of force is justified.

The HCSO will also investigate the incident internally to ensure agency policy and law enforcement best practices were followed.

The names of the individuals involved in Friday's deputy-involved shooting are listed below.

The deputies involved are identified as:

- **Detective Willard Stephens (Deployed Less Lethal Bean Bag Round - Ineffective)**
 - o Detective Stephens has been employed by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office since 04-26-2004. He is 43 years old.
- **Lieutenant Phil Lakin**
 - o Lieutenant Lakin has been employed by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office since 12-02-2002. He is 51 years old.
- **Sergeant Scott Lamia**
 - o Sergeant Lamia has been employed by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office since 01-20-1998. He is 41 years old.
- **Detective Richard Purchase**
 - o Detective Purchase has been employed by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office since 07-12-2004. He is 36 years old.
- **Detective Kim Burger**
 - o Detective Burger has been employed by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office since 09-24-2000. She is 45 years old.
- **Deputy Roy McLaughlin**
 - o Deputy McLaughlin has been employed by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office since 08-11-2014. He is 40 years old.
- **Deputy Richard Killingsworth**
 - o Deputy Killingsworth has been employed by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office since 10-20-2013. He is 27 years old.

No additional details are available at this time.

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.