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Media Release

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Re: Police-Involved Shooting Trillium Boulevard – Update

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Update

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

The deputies involved are identified as:

- **Sergeant Tom Brooks**
 - o Sergeant Brooks has been employed by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office since 10-13-1992. He is 49 years old. Sergeant Brooks is a member of the **United States Marshals Service Florida Caribbean Regional Fugitive Task Force**.
- **Sergeant William Power**
 - o Sergeant Power has been employed by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office since 06-16-1997. He is 39 years old.
- **Detective Willard "Brian" Stephens**
 - o Detective Stephens has been employed by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office since 04-26-2004. He is 43 years old.
- **United States Marshals Service Florida Caribbean Regional Fugitive Task Force Member** (as per the US Marshals Service policy, they do not provide the name of the LEO)
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The deceased is identified as:

- **Anthony Wallace W/M DOB/03-20-1973** of Spring Hill. Members of the task force were attempting to place Wallace under arrest on a warrant for Sexual Battery – Victim Over 12/Under 18 (3 counts).

As per standard protocol, all HCSO deputies have been placed on paid administrative leave.

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.

Original Information

On 09-27-17 at approximately 4:50 p.m., Hernando County detectives along with members of the US Marshal's Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force were attempting to serve an arrest warrant in the Trillium subdivision.

The warrant listed several counts of Sexual Battery on a Child.

The suspect was located driving on Trillium Boulevard.

Law enforcement officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop and execute the arrest warrant. During this time, gunfire was exchanged between law enforcement officers and the suspect.

The suspect is deceased on scene.

Additional information will be provided when it becomes available.

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.