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Media Release

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Re: Two Spring Hill Teens Charged in Multiple Burglaries

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On 9/25/17, a Hernando County Sheriff's Office detective obtained possible suspect information on several burglaries committed on or near El Camino Street and Meredith Drive in Spring Hill.

A citizen living in the area provided District 2 detectives with video surveillance that showed two males committing an attempted burglary of a dwelling on Meredith Drive.

Through the review of the video, the suspects were positively identified as **Jonathan Joseph Bryant W/M DOB/09-19-2002** and **Richard McMahon W/M DOB/09-06-2002**.

During this investigation additional information was obtained that the two teens were also suspects in the Hazy Daze Smoke Shop commercial burglary reported on Sept. 10.

The pair were also suspects in the Circle K, 11091 Spring Hill Drive, commercial burglary reported on Sept. 11.

On 9-27-17, deputies arrested Bryant on three counts of Burglary of a Structure, Attempted Burglary of a Dwelling, Grand Theft and Criminal Mischief.

McMahon was arrested at Nature Coast Technical High School where he is a student. He was also charged with three counts of Burglary of a Structure, Attempted Burglary of a Dwelling, Grand Theft and Criminal Mischief.

Through the investigation several packs of opened and unopened cigarettes, blunts, bongs and lighters were recovered. Detectives were able to determine the items found were stolen from Hazy Daze Smoke Shop and the Circle K.

During questioning, both suspects admitted to their involvement in all of the burglaries, two of which were committed while the county was under a local State of Emergency. They also admitted to entering a shed at 9196 El Camino Street and attempting to enter a home through the backdoor at 2232 Meredith Drive.

Bryant and McMahon were transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where they were then turned over to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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.