



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**Re:** Update - HCSO Investigates Shooting at Spring Haven Apartments

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#### **Original Information**

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is currently on the scene of a shooting at the Spring Haven Apartments in Spring Hill.

The victim, who is not being identified at this time, was transported by medical helicopter to an area trauma center for treatment of a wound.

The incident was reported at 9:38 p.m. as the victim was walking along Spring Haven Loop area, near the clubhouse.

The suspect is described as a black teenage male, who was wearing black basketball shorts and white or grey sneakers. He was not wearing a shirt and was carrying a small sling bag.

The suspect was last seen running east, across Mariner Boulevard, toward the Wellington community.

Both the K-9 Unit and the Aviation Unit are currently on scene assisting in the search for the suspect. Residents living in and around Wellington are encouraged to stay indoors until the search for the suspect is complete. Anyone who spots anything suspicious is encouraged to call 911 immediately.

No additional details are available at this time.

## Update

The victim, a female who is not being identified at this time, was flown to a trauma center for treatment. She is in stable condition and expected to recover.

The search continues for the suspect.

The suspect has been identified as **Christian Rakewon Fitzgerald B/M DOB/04-03-2000**. Fitzgerald is 5'08", 180 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes. At the time of the shooting, Fitzgerald was last seen wearing black basketball shorts and grey or white sneakers. He was not wearing a shirt and was carrying a small sling-bag.

Detectives have obtained a warrant for the arrest of Christian Fitzgerald.

Fitzgerald may still be armed and should be considered dangerous. If you see him, do not take action, notify law enforcement immediately.

If you have any information on this case, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Major Case Unit at 352-754-6830.

If you would like to remain anonymous – Please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> . You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 cash!

### 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.