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Media Release

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Re: Spring Hill Man Charged in Habitat for Humanity ReStore Commercial Robbery

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On 10/12/17, Hernando County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore located at 7421 Spring Hill Drive in reference to a commercial robbery.

According to investigators, an unknown suspect at the time entered the store and proceeded to give a note to the clerk demanding money from the register. After the clerk gave the man an undisclosed amount of cash, the suspect fled the store on foot.

Deputies were able access video surveillance from the store and surrounding businesses.

The suspect was described as a white male, unshaven and balding, who was approximately 30 years old and wearing a green shirt, flip flops, khaki shorts, and black sunglasses.

A photo of the suspect from the video and his description was sent out via a community alert bulletin.

Over the next few days, investigators received anonymous tips identifying the suspect as Michael Levenson W/M/ DOB/04-22-1982.

On 10/18/17, detectives proceeded to speak with Levenson's parents, who positively identified Levenson as the person depicted in the surveillance images.

Investigators then responded Levenson's place of employment at St. Vincent DePaul, 1291 Kass Circle, for further questioning of the suspect.

During questioning, Levenson confessed to robbing the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, saying he did so to support his drug addiction.

Levenson was arrest on a Robbery charge and transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where his bond was set at \$10,000.

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.