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Media Release

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Re: K-9 Valor Apprehends Domestic Battery Suspect

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On 11-08-17 at approximately 10:09 p.m., Hernando County deputies responded to 9347 Miracle Drive in Spring Hill regarding a Domestic Battery complaint.

While deputies were responding to the residence, dispatchers advised via the radio, the suspect, John Obremski, fled from the residence on foot.

Sgt. William Hillman directed the first deputies arriving on scene to establish a perimeter in order to contain the suspect. Deputy Jeff Andrews and K-9 Valor responded to the scene.

Upon arrival, Deputy Andrews was advised that Obremski was last seen walking southeast on Miracle Drive, possibly carrying a case of beer.

Deputy Andrews deployed K-9 Valor in an attempt to locate a track on Obremski. K-9 Valor immediately began tracking in a southeast direction on Miracle Drive. Valor crossed over Regatta Circle, headed toward Rosa Street, then toward a house under construction at 9424 Miracle Drive.

K-9 Valor continued to pull Deputy Andrews, right into the house under construction. As Deputy Andrews approached the front of the house, he gave a loud verbal K-9 announcement, which was met with negative results. Deputy Andrews opened the door and he and K-9 Valor entered the house, once again providing a loud verbal K-9 announcement. This announcement was also met with negative results.

K-9 Valor began pulling hard to the left. As Deputy Andrews illuminated the area with his flashlight, he observed a white male, sitting on the floor in front of a bathtub. The male matched the description of Obremski. There was also a case of beer alongside the male.

Deputy Andrews and Deputy Jason Jernigan gave numerous commands to Obremski to show his hands. Obremski failed to comply with the deputies commands, leaving both of his hands in his pockets. At that time, Deputy Andrews released K-9 Valor to apprehend Obremski.

K-9 Valor made contact with Obremski's lower left leg, just above the ankle. Obremski then grabbed Valor's head and mouth in an attempt to free his leg. Again, Deputy Andrews provided verbal commands to Obremski to stop fighting his dog. Once Obremski complied with verbal commands to stop fighting, Valor immediately released upon command.

Deputies Jernigan and Vincent Mascitelli secured Obremski and immediately requested Hernando County Fire Rescue for the dog bite.

Obremski was treated on scene and then transported to a local hospital, where he remains. Once released from the hospital, Obremski will be booked into the Hernando County Detention Center.

John Obremski W/M DOB/02-28-1979 is charged as follows:

- Felony Domestic Battery By Strangulation
- Domestic Battery
- Tamper/Harass Witness – Victim
- Violation of Injunction for Protection – Domestic Violence
- Resist Arrest W/O Violence
- Bond - \$6,000.

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.