Media Release

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Re: **Arrests Made in Spring Hill Mailbox Thefts**

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On 12-6-17, a Spring Hill resident living on Pillar Avenue reported the theft of three gift cards from the mailbox located in the front of his residence.

On 12-7-17, residents living on Winding Oaks Lane in Spring Hill reported seeing a man and a woman, who were driving a dark blue Chevy Impala, removing items from a mailbox.

Detectives used information from these two incidents to develop possible suspects.

As of 12-8-17, two suspects have been identified and arrested in connection with the two reported thefts, **Nicholas Cimino W/M DOB/9-25-1986** and **Lauren Smith W/F DOB/12-6-1990**.

Cimino's charges are as follows: Petit Theft (Felony due to prior convictions), Dealing in Stolen Property, Defrauding a Pawn Broker and Burglary.

Smith's charges are as follows: Fleeing/Attempt to Elude Police Officer, Resisting an Officer without Violence, Knowingly Driving with a Suspended License, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The stolen items have been recovered.

The investigation into the thefts is ongoing and no additional details are available at this time.

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.