

Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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<u>Media Release</u>

From:	Michael Terry Community Relations Specialist, 352-238-4801
Re:	Spring Hill Man Charged with Murdering Mother
Date:	December 22, 2017

On 09-24-16, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office responded 2344 Covington Ave., Spring Hill, in reference to a death investigation.

When deputies arrived on scene, they noted the victim, Beverly Nickerson, 74, had numerous injuries on her body. In addition, investigators also noted the circumstances leading up to her death appeared suspicious.

Following an extensive investigation, an arrest warrant was issued for the victim's son, Albert Henry Nickerson W/M DOB/05-05-1967, on a charge of Murder in the First Degree, Aggravated Abuse of the Elderly or Disabled Adult.

Investigators located Albert Nickerson at his home on Covington Avenue, where he declined to speak with detectives about the investigation. He was then transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he's being held without bond.

As the case is still pending prosecution, 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.