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Media Release

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Re: Barricaded Subject Incident in Brooksville Ends Peacefully

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The barricaded subject incident on Royal Drive in Brooksville, which started as a domestic dispute involving alcohol, has ended peacefully.

The suspect was taken into custody at 6:30 a.m. this morning.

No victims, deputies or the suspect were injured during the incident that was first reported at 7:41 p.m. Monday.

The suspect has been identified as **William Cole Brinson**, a deputy with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, who's been employed with the agency since 2004.

Brinson, 43, is charged with two counts of Aggravated Assault with a Firearm and three counts of Domestic Battery in connection with the incident.

The investigation is ongoing.

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.