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Media Release

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Re: Sheriff Issues Scam Alert

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Sheriff Al Nienhuis is issuing a Scam Alert.

Several citizens have contacted the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to report they have received an automated telephone call and/or a voice mail, advising "they have a situation with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office and should contact Sgt. Michael McCray with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office."

If the person receiving the call answers the telephone, they are directed to press #1 for Civil, #2 for Warrants, etc. If a voicemail is left, the individual is directed to call a telephone number, then advised to press various numbers.

The automated voice advises the individual that money is owed for one reason or another and proceeds with directions on how to "pay the fines."

THIS IS A SCAM.

Do not provide your personal information, credit or debit card information, and do not "pay any fines." The Hernando County Sheriff's Office does not call on the telephone to collect money/fines.

If you have provided personal information and/or credit/debit card information to an automated call such as this, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830.

Please note that the Hernando County Sheriff's Office does not and has not employed a Sgt. Michael McCray.

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.