



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Homicide - 27378 Azen Loop

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As in all homicide cases, Hernando County Sheriff's Office Major Case Investigators maintain open communication with representatives from the State Attorney's Office of the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Regarding the Double Homicide that occurred on 01-23-17 at 27378 Azen Loop in Brooksville, at the request of the State Attorney, the name of the "person of interest" will be withheld until formal charges are filed.

Investigators are still in the critical stages of interviewing witnesses and gathering/submitting evidence (to FDLE) for testing. With this, and all crimes of this nature, it is our goal to ensure a successful prosecution, for both the victims and their families.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis wants citizens to know, there is presently no danger to the community, as it pertains to this particular crime.

Once formal charges are filed, we will promptly provide the suspect's name and charges.

#### **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.