



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: Human Remains Found in Wooded Area in eastern Hernando County

Date: March 13, 2018

On 3-11-18 at 7:34 p.m., Hernando County deputies responded to Soap Stone Street and Shellstream Drive in Webster in regards to an individual locating human remains in a nearby wooded area.

Deputies confirmed the remains were in fact human.

The Forensics Unit responded to the area to process the scene. The medical examiner's office then came to collect and transport the remains to their office in Leesburg.

The remains have not been identified.

The investigation remains active. 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.