



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Home Health Care Aide Charged with Grand Theft

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In March of 2018, Hernando County Sheriff's District 2 detectives were assigned a case involving the grand theft of currency. An elderly male, who resides in Spring Hill and cares for his elderly wife, reported a large sum of currency missing from his residence.

The victim believed that a home health care aide he hired to assist with caring for his wife may be the suspect of the theft. The home health care aide was at the residence around the time the currency went missing. Even after the first theft was reported to detectives, a second large sum of money was discovered missing from the residence. Again, the money was discovered missing on or about the timeframe when the home health care aide visited the residence.

Detectives then began an operational plan with the assistance of detectives from the Vice and Narcotics Unit. During the operational plan, the home health care aide, identified as Shamelia Douglas, was observed stealing a large sum of documented currency that was placed inside the residence by detectives. Once Douglas left the residence, she was confronted by detectives and found to have the documented currency in her possession. Douglas was then taken into custody without incident and transported to the Sheriff's Office.

Post Miranda, Douglas admitted to taking the currency on all three occasions due to having money problems.

**Shamelia Douglas B/F 05/26/1989** was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- Grand Theft from a person 65 years of age or older (2 counts)
- Grand Theft (Sheriff's Office documented currency from operational plan)
- Bond - \$22,000.

**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.