

## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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## Media Release

From:	Denise M. Moloney Community/Media Relations Manager, 352-797-3609
Re:	Man Charged with Ten Counts of Attempted First Degree Murder and Aggravated Stalking
Date:	September 21, 2018

On 07-23-18 at approximately midnight, Hernando County Sheriff's deputies and Hernando County Fire Rescue were dispatched to 4456 Chamber Court in Spring Hill regarding a Structure Fire.

Upon arrival, firefighters observed that the rear of the residence was on fire, and fire was quickly spreading to the roof. Firefighters ensured all parties were out of the residence and extinguished the fire. It appeared the fire had been intentionally set.

Investigation revealed, the defendant, Christopher Jamison, had gone to the home of his exgirlfriend just before midnight and set the lanai of the home on fire. The fire quickly spread from the lanai to the roof, engulfing a large portion of the residence.

One of the persons inside the residence saw the fire and alerted all of the other residents to evacuate. All occupants in the residence escaped uninjured.

Being the defendant was formerly in a relationship with the female who rents the residence, Lucila Oyola, the defendant had prior knowledge that the area he was setting on fire was against her bedroom. The defendant also knew that at midnight, most, if not all, parties in the residence would be sleeping.

Oyola advised detectives that she had ended the relationship with the defendant about two months prior to the fire. During this time period, the defendant continued to make attempts to reconcile with Oyola. Oyola refused to reconcile. During an argument between the two, the defendant advised Oyola that if she did not reconcile with him, he would burn the house down, and that nobody was going to tell him that he couldn't be with her.

Oyola's brother was present when this occurred and heard the entire argument, including the threat to burn the house down.

After the fire, Oyola obtained a Domestic Violence Injunction on the defendant. He was not permitted to have contact with the victim, directly or indirectly, or by fax, phone, or email.

Soon after the fire, Oyola was contacted anonymously. Investigation revealed the defendant was responsible for the communication. During this communication, the defendant admitted to setting the fire.

On 09-20-18, detectives arrested **Christopher Lamar Jamison B/M DOB/08-25-1991**. Jamison was charged as follows:

- Attempted 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder (10 counts)
- Arson to a Dwelling
- Aggravated Stalking
- Bond None.

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.