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Media Release

From: Sergeant Donna Black
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Re: Vehicle Crash on Gonzo Road & Barnevelde

Date: April 8, 2008

Case#: 2008-11306

This morning at approximately 22 minutes after midnight, Deputy Glen Hickey driving a marked Hernando County Sheriff's Office vehicle was heading eastbound on Knuckey Road when his vehicle was almost struck by a gold Chrysler. The Chrysler was northbound on Lelani Drive at a high rate of speed, failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection of Knuckey and Lelani Drive when the collision almost occurred.

Deputy Hickey turned northbound on Lelani and observed the Chrysler turn east onto Quigley. Deputy Hickey activated his emergency lights and notified dispatch that he was attempting to do a traffic stop. Deputy Hickey was not able to catch up to the vehicle before he saw it turn left onto Gonzo Road.

By the time Deputy Hickey approached Gonzo Road he saw the vehicle traveling northbound on Gonzo Road at a high rate of speed. Deputy Hickey did not get close enough to the vehicle before losing sight of it as it approached the top of the hill on Gonzo Road. Deputy Hickey is unsure if the driver of the Chrysler was ever aware of his presence due to the distance between his vehicle and the Chrysler.

When Deputy Hickey reached the top of the hill on Gonzo Road he saw a cloud of smoke, the Chrysler had crashed at Gonzo and Barnevelde. Deputy Hickey located the driver of the vehicle who had been ejected lying a distance from the passenger side of the vehicle. Hernando Fire-Rescue 13 personnel arrived at the scene and declared the subject deceased. The deceased is identified as JOVAN AUDREEN REESE, DOB 12/03/1980 of 7388 Holiday Drive, Spring Hill.

Florida Highway Patrol, Trooper Scott Campbell is investigating the crash.