



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Sergeant Donna Black  
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**Re:** "LIVE OR DIE" Scam

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The Hernando County Sheriff's Office would like to warn the public about an internet scam that is invoking fear in people.

**This is how the subject line reads:**

"I felt very sorry and bad for you" from "jackbrown1@centrum.cz"

**When you open the email it states:**

"I felt very sorry and bad for you, that your life is going to end like this if you don't comply, I was paid to eliminate you and I have to do it within 10 days.

Someone you call your friend wants you dead by all means, and the person have spent a lot of money on this, the person also came to us and told us that he wants you dead and he provided us your names, photograph and other necessary information we needed about you. If you are in doubt with this I will send you your name and where you are in my next mail.

Meanwhile, I have sent my boys to track you down and they have carried out the necessary investigation needed for this operation, but I ordered them to stop for awhile and not to strike immediately because I just felt something good and sympathetic about you. I decided to contact you first and know why somebody will want you dead by all means. Right now my men are monitoring you, their eyes are on you, and even the place you think is safer for you to hide might not be.

Now do you want to LIVE OR DIE? It is up to you. Get back to me now if you are ready to enter deal with me, I mean life trade, who knows, and I might just spare your life, \$8,000 is all you need to spend you will first of all pay \$3,000 then I will send the tape of the person that want you dead to you and when the tape gets to you, you will pay the remaining \$5,000. If you are not ready for my help, then I will have no choice but to carry on the assignment after all I have already being paid for now.

Warning: do no think of contacting the police or even tell anyone because I will extend it to any member of your family since you are aware that somebody want you dead, and the person knows some members of your family as well.

For your own good I will advise you not to go out once is 7 pm until I make out time to see you and give you the tape of my discussion with the person who want you dead then you can use it to take any legal action. Good luck as I await your reply to this email contact: (a.k.a. jackbrown1960@gmail.com)

Mr.Jack Brown."

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The scam is originating from outside the United States. The people who made the reports to our department have not fallen for the scam and have not sent any money. The Hernando County Sheriff's Office would like to take this opportunity to warn email users not to open documents from sources you are not familiar with and to immediately delete the documents. **Any Hernando County resident who has sent money in response to the scam email is urged to contact our agency to make a report.**