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Media Release

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Re: Deputy-Involved Shooting Marble Avenue and Antelope Street

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On 02-27-18 at approximately 2:47 p.m., the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center received a call from an unknown subject, advising there was a male inside the Family Dollar, located at 12500 Spring Hill Drive, walking around the store with a gun.

The caller provided a description of a white male, mid 50's, wearing a white shirt and blue jeans. The caller advised the operator the male was walking on Marble Avenue, then hung up.

Operators called the Family Dollar to obtain more information. The store clerk advised that everything was OK at the store and that the call did not originate from the store.

At 2:52, Deputy M.E. Foradas advised the dispatcher over the primary radio channel that he needed "emergency traffic" – meaning he needed the channel cleared of all traffic in the event he needed to use the channel to transmit an emergency radio transmission. Foradas also advised that he was possibly out with the subject in question at the intersection of Marble Avenue and Antelope Street. At 2:54 p.m., Foradas advised "shots fired."

Within seconds, backup deputies began arriving on scene.

As backup deputies arrived, they began assisting Foradas in attempting to handcuff the suspect, who was refusing to cooperate with deputies. Within a few moments, the suspect's hands were removed from underneath his body and placed into handcuffs.

Hernando County Fire Rescue moved in to treat the suspect for a gunshot wound.

Preliminary investigation revealed that when Foradas confronted the suspect in the intersection, he commanded the suspect to show his hands. The suspect did not comply with the lawful command. After additional commands, the suspect pulled an object out of his pocket and pointed it at Foradas. Foradas then discharged his firearm, hitting the suspect.

The suspect has been identified as **Gary Jean Schryver W/M DOB/02-11-1961**. Schryver was transported by ground to a local trauma center. He is currently listed in stable condition.

As per standard protocol, Deputy Foradas has been placed on paid administrative leave. He is 46 years old and has been employed by the HCSO since 11-19-1996.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is handling the investigation as per standard protocol. In deputy-involved shooting investigations, the FDLE works with the State Attorney's Office to determine whether the use of force is justified.

The HCSO will also investigate the incident internally to ensure agency policy and law enforcement best practices were followed.

The investigation is still active and fluid. As details are verified, that will not compromise the investigation, additional information will be provided.

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.