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Media Release

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Re: UPDATE - Shooting - 5187 Alliance Avenue

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Update

Detectives have classified the event as a Home Invasion.

The victim has been identified as Joseph Fairweather W/M DOB/07-17-1984, the resident at 5187 Alliance Avenue.

Fairweather is recovering at a local trauma center. Again, his injuries are considered non-life-threatening and a full recovery is expected.

The investigation is still active.

If you have any information on this incident, please contact Detective Brian Stephens at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office – 352-754-6830.

If you would like to remain anonymous – Please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> . You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 cash!

Original Information

On 08-07-18 at approximately 8:50 a.m., Hernando County deputies responded to 5187 Alliance Avenue in Spring Hill regarding a person shot.

Preliminary investigation reveals that a white male (the victim), who was originally at 5187 Alliance Avenue, went to a neighbor's house requesting assistance. The male was reportedly "screaming in pain and bloody." The neighbor called 9-1-1 to summon help from law enforcement and fire rescue.

The victim (identity not available yet) alleges that the incident occurred between 2 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. on this date.

The victim was transported to a local trauma center by Hernando County Fire Rescue with injuries that are considered non-life-threatening.

Deputies and a K-9 team checked the residence at 5187 Alliance Avenue to ensure that no suspect(s) and/or other victims were inside. No other persons were located inside or in the immediate area.

The investigation is still very fluid and active at this time. Additional information will be provided when it becomes available.

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.