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Media Release

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Re: Access Health Care Physician Charged with Dating Violence

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On 08-22-18, Hernando County Sheriff's Office Major Case detectives arrested an Access Health Care physician, charging him with Dating Violence.

In July of 2018, detectives were assigned a case involving allegations made against Access Health Care physician, Rashid Ismail Saba.

Investigation revealed that Saba pushed, grabbed, and shook the victim, against her will, while he was on duty as a physician at Oak Hill Hospital. During this altercation, the victim sustained bruising to her forearm.

The altercation was a result of Saba allegedly being angry with the victim for being in contact with other men and one of his other paramours.

The incident was reported to hospital administration immediately. As a result of this incident, hospital administrators have since removed Saba from seeing patients at the hospital.

Detectives arrested **Rashid Ismail Saba I/M DOB/08-14-1970** on 08-22-18, charging him with one count of Dating Violence. He was held without bond (until First Appearance) due to the domestic nature of the charge.

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.