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Media Release

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Re: Detectives Arrest Two for Vehicle Burglary Spree in Spring Hill

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On 09-17-18, Hernando County Sheriff's detectives assigned to District Two were alerted to a spree of Vehicle Burglaries that occurred in a Spring Hill neighborhood.

Initial investigation by patrol deputies revealed that during the early-morning hours of 09-17-18, thirteen vehicles had been burglarized. All of the vehicles had been left UNLOCKED. One vehicle owner left a firearm in the vehicle, in addition to leaving the vehicle unlocked.

While detectives were investigating the burglaries, another burglary spree occurred during the early-morning hours of 09-21-18. During this spree, a vehicle was stolen from a driveway in Windward Village.

Hernando Sheriff's detectives then spoke with Pasco Sheriff's detectives regarding the burglaries. Pasco detectives advised they were also investigating a large number of Vehicle Burglaries in communities just south of the Hernando/Pasco county line. The spree in Pasco also occurred on 09-21-18.

Pasco detectives located the vehicle that had been stolen from Windward Village. The stolen vehicle had been abandoned in one of the (Pasco) neighborhoods where the burglary spree took place.

While the Pasco detectives were conducting their investigation on the Recovered Stolen Vehicle/Vehicle Burglaries, two suspicious persons (white/males) were observed walking in the area. The investigation conducted by Pasco detectives revealed that the two males were in fact responsible for the burglaries in Pasco County.

The suspects, identified as **Gary David Newman W/M DOB/04-08-1985** and **David Ray Alford, Jr. W/M DOB/06-16-1988**, have ties to both Hernando and Pasco counties.

Detectives from both agencies interviewed the suspects regarding recent crimes that had been committed in both jurisdictions. During the interviews, the suspects confessed to the Vehicle Burglaries and the Stolen Vehicle in Hernando County and to various crimes in Pasco County. David Alford then showed detectives the various locations where he and Newman committed their crimes.

Pasco detectives charged Newman and Alford with over 20 Vehicle Burglaries, two of which were Armed Vehicle Burglaries.

Hernando detectives obtained warrants on Newman and Alford, charging them as follows:

- Vehicle Burglary (17 counts)
- Grand Theft Auto.

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.