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Media Release

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Re: Convicted Felon Steals Firearm - Sells It – Goes to Jail

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On 09-01-18, Hernando County Sheriff's deputies conducted an initial investigation on the theft of a firearm from a resident on Sweet Gum Road in Brooksville.

The resident reported a .22 caliber revolver had been stolen from a specific location on his property. The resident provided deputies with possible suspect information, an individual identified as Scott Pettersen. Pettersen was known to the resident as he had previously done work around the property from time-to-time.

Deputies interviewed Pettersen regarding the theft. Pettersen denied any involvement or knowledge of the theft.

The case was turned over to District One Investigations, Detective Earnest Johnson.

On 10-01-18, Detective Johnson made contact with Scott Pettersen at his residence, located at 13312 Sweet Gum Road in Brooksville. Pettersen agreed to speak to detectives.

During the interview, Pettersen again adamantly denied any involvement in, or knowledge of, the theft of the firearm. As the interview continued, Pettersen admitted to stealing the firearm and selling it.

Pettersen is a Registered Felon with an extensive (violent) criminal history, which includes Homicide.

Detective Johnson placed **Scott Anthony Pettersen W/M DOB/02-01-1964** under arrest and charged him as follows:

- Grand Theft (Firearm)

- Dealing in Stolen Property
- Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon
- Bond - \$17,000.

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.