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Media Release

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Re: Sergeant Witnesses Road Rage Incident - Makes Immediate Arrest

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On 12-07-18 just before noon, Sergeant Scott Lamia was exiting the Amscot parking lot on Forest Oaks Boulevard in Spring Hill in his unmarked patrol vehicle. As Lamia exited the parking lot, he observed a maroon Ford pick-up truck pass by and pull into the parking lot at 7285 Forest Oaks Boulevard.

During this time, the driver of the maroon Ford turned in front of an orange Dodge, which had been traveling westbound on Forest Oaks Boulevard.

Immediately after the driver of the Ford pulled in front of the Dodge, the driver of the Dodge began beeping his horn, then stopped abruptly. The driver of the Dodge then did a U-turn in the middle of Forest Oaks Boulevard and rapidly accelerated after the Ford.

As the driver of the Dodge, later identified as John Brymer, gave chase, his vehicle nearly struck the rear of the Ford. Brymer then drove over a mulch patch in the parking lot, accelerating rapidly to pass the Ford and cut off the driver. Once in front of the Ford, Brymer stopped, blocking the path of the Ford. Brymer then began making obscene gestures at the driver of the Ford.

Having observed this entire incident, Sergeant Scott Lamia pulled in behind Brymer's vehicle and activated his emergency lights and siren. Brymer continued giving obscene gestures to the other driver during this time.

Lamia ordered Brymer out of his vehicle and placed him into custody.

Sergeant Lamia then spoke to the driver of the Ford, identified as Gunner Gundersen. Gundersen told Lamia that he was sorry he cut in front of the Dodge and that he was in fear that the driver of the Dodge was going to harm him, based on his aggressive driving.

Brymer had no explanation, other than he made a bad decision, for which he was sorry. Brymer told Lamia that he “only wanted to talk to him (the victim) about the infraction.”

Based on Lamia’s observations, **John Hamilton Brymer W/M DOB/12-12-1984** was placed under arrest for Aggravated Assault with a Motor Vehicle. His bond was set at \$2,000.

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.