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MEDIA RELEASE

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Re: UPDATE -- HCSO Investigates Shooting at Mermaids Lounge in Spring Hill

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UPDATE

On 12-29-18 at 6:38 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were called to an Agency Assist at the Florida Highway Patrol substation located at 17028 Ayers Road, in Brooksville.

Roberto Rivera-Santiago, H/M DOB/09-26-1974, a suspect in the 12-27-18 shooting at Mermaids Lounge, 4658 Commercial Way, in Spring Hill, had turned himself in to Troopers on an active Hernando County warrant for **Attempted Murder** and a **Domestic Injunction Violation**.

Santiago was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he's being detained in lieu of a \$250,000 bond for the **Attempted Murder** charge and No Bond status on the **Domestic Injunction Violation**.

The victim in the case remains hospitalized, but is listed in stable condition.

No additional details are available at this time.

Original Information

On 12-27-18 at 11:14 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to Oak Hill Hospital in Brooksville in reference to a shooting victim who was dropped off at the hospital's emergency room.

When deputies arrived, they located a 29-year-old black male at the ER who had sustained multiple gunshot wounds. He is currently being treated by medical personnel for his injuries.

Deputies were able to determine the shooting occurred at Mermaids Lounge, 4658 Commercial Way, in Spring Hill. A crime scene has been established at that location.

No additional injuries were reported as a result of this shooting incident.

Detectives are actively pursuing leads as to a possible suspect in the shooting. No additional details are available at this time.