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Media Release

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Re: Detectives Arrest Two for Commercial Burglaries

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On 02-25-19 at approximately 12:36 a.m., Hernando County deputies were dispatched to a Commercial Burglary at the Smoke Zone, located at 7366 Broad Street in Brooksville.

The caller, the owner of the shop, advised dispatchers that he observed a male entering into the business by breaking the glass and then jumping over the counter. The owner was able to observe this by accessing the surveillance camera via his smartphone.

Patrol deputies arrived on scene to find the glass front door to the business broken.

At approximately 2:15 a.m., deputies were dispatched to a Commercial Alarm at the Citgo Station/Store located at 19275 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville.

Patrol deputies arrived on scene to find the glass front door to the business broken.

Investigation revealed two possible suspects, Nathan Spratt and Hunter Bussell.

Deputies worked throughout the night to locate the suspects.

Deputies Veronica Flynn and Kyle Wilson located Hunter Bussell at his residence, at 1221 Candlelight Boulevard in Brooksville. Wilson told deputies that he did not know the whereabouts of Spratt but knew that he “hangs out” in a shed in the back yard of an abandoned residence on Kennedy Boulevard in Brooksville.

Numerous patrol deputies, detectives, and a K-9 team responded to the residence on Kennedy Boulevard in an attempt to locate Spratt.

Upon arrival, the residence appeared to be vacant. Upon searching the area, deputies located Spratt sleeping on a bed, inside the shed.

Both Spratt and Bussell were transported to the District One office for questioning where they both admitted to their involvement in the Commercial Burglaries. The suspects were charged as follows:

Nathan Spratt B/M DOB/10-27-1999

- **Commercial Burglary (2 counts)**
- **Grand Theft**
- **Petit Theft**
- **Bond - \$13,500.**

Hunter Bussell W/M DOB/10-22-01

- **Commercial Burglary (2 counts)**
- **Grand Theft**
- **Petit Theft**
- **Juvenile.**

A search warrant will be executed to recover the stolen property from the vacant residence.

The case remains under investigation.

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.