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Media Release

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Re: Man Arrives at Hospital with Gunshot Wound

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On 04-01-19 just after 10 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the Emergency Department at Bayfront Health Brooksville after dispatchers received a call from staff there advising that a male had just arrived with a gunshot wound.

Upon arrival, deputies met with hospital staff who advised that a white male, later identified as David Gene Podmokly, recently arrived at the Emergency Department with a gunshot wound to his right shoulder. Podmokly was in a treatment room, receiving medical care.

Podmokly told deputies that he was robbed, and provided a fairly thorough description of the suspect. Podmokly also provided a location where the robbery occurred – an area off Broad Street in Brooksville. He then changed the location to a more commercial area – still within Brooksville, then changed the location to a completely different commercial area.

Deputies responded to all three areas in search of a possible crime scene(s), yielding negative results in each area.

As Major Case detectives arrived at the hospital to interview Podmokly, he changed his story again. This time he stated that he drove to the area of South Brooksville to purchase illegal narcotics and made contact with a black male to do so. At some point during the transaction, the black male attempted to rob Podmokly and shot him in the shoulder.

Forensics Specialists processed Podmokly's vehicle for physical evidence.

Major Case detectives continue their investigation into this case.

Podmokly's injuries are not considered life-threatening.

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.