



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** UPDATE - Located - Missing Endangered Adult - Venessa Valdez-Jiminez

**Date:** April 5, 2019

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#### Update

At approximately 6:20 p.m., deputies, with assistance from the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Civilian Mounted Unit, located Ms. Valdez-Jiminez in a wooded area in northern Hernando County (Brooksville).

When located, Ms. Valdez-Jiminez was in need of medical attention. She was treated on scene by Hernando County Fire Rescue then transported to a local hospital for advanced care.

Deputies have been on scene, in this and numerous other areas, searching for Ms. Valdez-Jiminez since before 11 a.m.

More than 20 law enforcement officers from the Hernando County Sheriff's Office searched heavily wooded areas on foot, by air, on ATVs, in patrol vehicles, on horseback, and with the use of canines. The Pasco Sheriff's Office also assisted in the search by providing a (bloodhound) K-9 team.

We thank our media partners and our community for sharing the information.

#### Original Information

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is requesting assistance from our media partners and the community in locating a **MISSING ENDANGERED ADULT**.

**Venessa Valdez-Jiminez** was last seen on **04-05-19 between 8 and 8:15 a.m.**, dropping off children at Deltona Elementary School in Spring Hill.

Ms. Valdez-Jiminez made statements of self-harm prior to leaving and has not been seen or heard from since. Her vehicle, cell phone, and various belongings have been located by deputies in northeastern Brooksville.

**Ms. Valdez-Jiminez's physical description is as follows:**

Hispanic Female

Date of Birth – 09-17-1976

Height – 5'5"

Weight – 160 lbs.

Hair – Brown (medium length)

Eyes – Brown

Last seen wearing – Bright yellow shirt and grey yoga pants.

If you have seen Venessa Valdez-Jiminez, or know her current whereabouts, please call the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830 or your local law enforcement agency.

Thank you.



**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.**