



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Deputies Respond to 9-1-1 Hang Up and Save a Life

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On 05-03-19 just after 2:30 a.m., Deputy Jeff McDougal was dispatched to a 9-1-1 Hang Up in the Ridge Manor area. The address is being withheld per FS 365.171 (12).

The 9-1-1 call (hang up) originated from a cell phone, therefore McDougal responded to the area where the phone was mapping. Upon arrival in the area, McDougal observed a residence with the lights on, so he made his way there.

Just as McDougal was about to knock on the door, an elderly female came running out of the house. The female was extremely frantic, stating that her son “would not wake up” and needed help.

McDougal immediately requested that Fire/Rescue be dispatched to his location. He then proceeded inside to assess the situation.

Once inside, McDougal located an adult male who was not conscious, not breathing, and without a pulse.

Deputy McDougal immediately repositioned the male (patient) and began administering CPR. Within just a few minutes, Deputy Mark Kay arrived on scene and assisted with CPR.

Just prior to the arrival of Fire/Rescue, the deputies were able to reestablish a pulse, at which time the patient began taking breaths.

Fire/Rescue arrived and took over care of the patient and transported the patient to the hospital.

By the time the patient arrived at the hospital, he had a strong blood pressure and pulse. The patient is expected to make a full recovery.

The paramedics and the Emergency Department physician both credited the deputies for saving the patient's life.

#### **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.