



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** HCSO Searching for Teens who Escaped from Eckerd Youth Camp

**Date:** June 26, 2019

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The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's assistance in locating two juveniles who escaped Tuesday from Eckerd Youth Camp, 201 Culbreath Road, Brooksville.

According to witnesses, at 8:31 p.m. a staff member was escorting two teens from the cafeteria back to their dorm when the juveniles decided to flee from the facility.

The staff member told deputies the teens ran south into the woods, toward Pasco County.

The two teens, Jarahmeel King B/M DOB/06-04-2004 and Peyton Anderson B/M DOB/09-11-2002, were court ordered to the facility and were not permitted to leave.

King, of Fort Pierce, was being detained at the facility for Violation of Probation on charges of Petit Theft, Grand Theft Auto, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon and Robbery with a Firearm.

Anderson, of Avon Park, was being detained for Violation of Probation on charges of Burglary of Conveyance, Grand Theft, and Petit Theft.

Anderson is described as follows:

- Black male
- 5'7"
- 148 pounds
- Short black hair
- Brown eyes
- Last seen wearing a purple t-shirt, long blue pants, and black slide sandals

King is described as follows:

- Black male

- 5'6"
- 120 pounds
- Short black hair
- Brown eyes
- Last seen wearing a green t-shirt, long blue pants, and black tennis shoes.

Anyone with information about King's or Anderson's whereabouts is asked to call the Sheriff' Office at 754-6830.

**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, ran unopposed in 2016, and remains accountable to them.**