



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** County-Wide Fuel Pump Skimmer Sweep

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On 07-31-19, detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Economic Crimes Unit, with assistance from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, conducted a county-wide Fuel Pump Skimmer Sweep.

During this operation, all 63 of Hernando County's retail fueling stations were checked for the presence of fuel pump skimmers. At the conclusion of the operation, ZERO skimming devices were located.

Knowing that the summertime is a time of heavy travel, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office wished to offer a non-traditional security measure to keep our citizens safe, personally and financially.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis would like to THANK all of the fueling stations in Hernando County for maintaining pumps that are free of skimming devices. The men and women of the HCSO and the citizens of Hernando County appreciate the diligence of those involved in this effort.

More Skimmer Sweeps will be conducted in the future.

#### **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.

