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Media Release

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Re: Hernando County Sheriff's Deputies Locate and Arrest Man Wanted for
Home Invasion and Attempted Murder

Date: July 31, 2019

Hernando County Sheriff's deputies, working closely with Pasco Sheriff's deputies, have taken into custody in Spring Hill a man wanted in Pasco County on several warrants, including Attempted Murder, Home Invasion Robbery and Felonious Possession of a Firearm.

Zachary Mason Bowles B/M DOB/06-30-1993, and another unnamed suspect, entered the victim's home at 7:23 p.m. on July 29 in the 26000 block of Player's Circle in Wesley Chapel. Armed with an AR-15 rifle, the suspects held the victim at gunpoint as they ransacked the apartment, stealing the victim's wallet, personal 9mm semi-automatic handgun, and approximately \$500 in cash. One single round was discharged from the AR-15 rifle, striking an interior wall.

The Pasco Sheriff's Office continues their investigation into this incident.

Inquiries related to the original incident should be directed to Media Relations at the Pasco County Sheriff's Office.

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.