



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Detectives Investigating Shooting in South Brooksville

**Date:** August 8, 2019

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On 08-07-19 just before 7:30 p.m., dispatchers in the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call regarding a **Shooting**.

The caller told dispatchers that a male, who was currently near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Public Street, had been shot in the upper torso.

Deputies arrived to find a male victim, near the address of 817 Twigg Street, suffering from at least one gunshot wound to his upper torso. The victim was conscious and breathing. The victim was treated on scene by Hernando County Fire Rescue personnel, then airlifted to a local trauma center for advanced care. At the time of transport, the victim was listed as stable.

Detectives do not believe this was a random act of violence and ask anyone with information on the person(s) responsible for this crime to contact Detective Earnest Johnson at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office – 352-754-6830.

If you have information and would like to remain anonymous – Please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> . You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$3,000 cash!

#### **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.