



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Sheriff Announces First Narcan Success

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On 08-17-19 at approximately 10:30 p.m., Hernando County deputies along with Hernando County Fire Rescue were dispatched to a residence in Spring Hill regarding a possible Overdose.

The caller told the 9-1-1 operator that a male on scene had possibly overdosed, accidentally, and was neither conscious nor breathing.

Deputy Alex Covey and his trainee, Deputy Recruit Kevin Getz, were the first to arrive on scene.

After quickly assessing the patient, and briefly speaking with a person in the residence, the deputies learned the patient was a known narcotics user. Additionally, the patient appeared to be suffering from a possible opioid overdose, due to labored breathing, cyanotic lips, and unconscious state.

Deputy Covey immediately administered his agency issued Nasal Narcan device into the patient's nostril. After approximately 60 seconds, the patient regained consciousness.

The patient was then transported to a local hospital. Physicians advised they believe the patient will make a full recovery.

Hernando County deputies were issued Nasal Narcan devices in June 2019.

**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.**