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Media Release

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Re: Security Guard charged with Stealing \$21k in Night Vision Goggles from
National Guard Armory Brooksville

Date: September 12, 2019

On 08-28-19, Captain Gary Jamieson of the National Guard Armory Brooksville, located at 16386 Spring Hill Drive in Brooksville, contacted the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to report three sets of night vision goggles were missing from the locker area of the armory.

He advised deputies that no one had checked out the goggles, which have a combined value of nearly \$21,000.

Captain Jamieson, who is a retired law enforcement officer, also reported that his badge was stolen from his locker, along with various other personal items.

On 09-04-19, Captain Jamieson advised after reviewing video surveillance he was able to identify a possible suspect in the theft as James Hall W/M DOB/01-28-1977. Hall worked as a security guard at the facility.

He advised Hall was seen walking around areas where he was not permitted to have access. On one of those occasions Hall was seen in the same area as the goggles were stored, and then after leaving the restricted area, walking to his vehicle.

Upon speaking to the captain of the security guards detectives learned Hall had claimed to find a pair of the missing goggles in a locker during a self-initiated search.

On 09-06-19, detectives interviewed Hall regarding the missing goggles. Hall confessed to stealing the goggles so he could use them for hunting. He also admitted to stealing various other items from the armory.

Hall then took detectives back to his house where the missing goggles and Jamieson's badge was recovered. Hall was charged with Grand Theft.

He was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where his bond was set at \$2,000.

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.