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Media Release

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Re: Springstead Student Arrested for Armed Vehicle Burglary

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On 9-16-19 at 7:31 a.m., deputies responded to the Spring Haven Apartments located at 220 Spring Haven Loop in Spring Hill to investigate a report of a vehicle burglary where a firearm was stolen.

A witness reported seeing a school-aged individual enter the victim's vehicle and remove several items. The witness said the unknown suspect walked out of sight for a short time before returning to get on a school bus that was headed to Springstead High School. The witness provided a detailed description of the suspect.

Numerous deputies immediately responded to Springstead High School in an effort to identify the suspect. Detectives were able to locate five individuals who rode the bus that matched the description given by the witness.

Devylon Bradley B/M DOB/04-13-2001, who has a history of burglary charges out of Hillsborough County, was one of the five initially questioned.

Bradley denied being involved in the armed vehicle burglary. However, deputies did locate a pocketknife in his backpack. Bradley was issued a three-day suspension by school administration for bringing a knife on campus.

His mother then picked Bradley up from school and took him home.

During that time deputies located the stolen firearm in a secluded area of the Spring Haven Apartments complex. The gun was processed for evidence.

A short time after arriving home, Bradley proceeded to walk to the victim's residence where he confessed to burglarizing the victim's vehicle. Bradley then called Deputy Tommy Harris, the SRO at Springstead High School, to confess to the armed vehicle burglary.

During questioning, Bradley told deputies he took the firearm from the vehicle because of the adrenaline rush. Bradley said he never planned to bring the gun to school. Instead, he hid the gun and other stolen items in a wooded area behind the apartment complex until he was able to return from school.

Bradley said no other individuals were involved.

Bradley was charged with one count of Armed Burglary to a Conveyance, which is a felony.

His bond was set at \$5,000.

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.