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Media Release

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Re: Sheriff Announces Death of Sergeant Louis Genovese

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Sheriff Al Nienhuis is saddened, and deeply regrets to announce the sudden passing of Sergeant Louis “Lou” Genovese.

Sergeant Genovese was hospitalized approximately three weeks ago after a sudden onset medical condition. During that time, physicians worked tirelessly to correct that condition.

Sergeant Genovese passed away peacefully last night, surrounded by his loving family, friends, and Hernando County Sheriff’s Office family. He was 41 years old.

Louis Genovese started his career at the Hernando County Sheriff’s Office on 09-01-06 as a Public Service Aide. On 12-12-06, he became a cadet, attending the law enforcement academy. On 07-09-07, Lou was promoted to Deputy Sheriff, and on 02-11-18, Deputy Genovese was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Patrol Division.

Sergeant Genovese graduated from Springstead High School in 1996. He received a Baccalaureate Degree in Biblical Studies from Zion Bible College in 2000, and was currently working to attain a Master’s degree.

“Lou was a man of God, who was loved and respected by his coworkers, his friends, and his family. This is a heart wrenching loss. A few years ago Lou realized that he could have an even greater impact on the agency and the community by taking on a role as a leader and mentor. Lou and I spoke often about his progress in college, and about recent leadership revelations he had as a sergeant and mentor. I genuinely looked forward to him taking on additional responsibilities in the years to come. The silver lining is that Lou left a legacy and example that will have a positive impact on the agency for many years to come,” Sheriff Al Nienhuis.

To say that Lou will be missed is a gross understatement. He was a gentle-giant with a smile that stretched from ear to ear, who always had a kind word and a welcoming hug.

Please keep Lou's family, friends, and co-workers in your thoughts and prayers as we go through the coming days, weeks, and months.

Thank you.

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.