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Media Release

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Re: Armed Robbery - Dollar Tree - 19458 Cortez Boulevard-Brooksville

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On 10-24-19 just after 4 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Dollar Tree located at 19458 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville regarding an Armed Robbery.

The victim, a female who just exited another business, reported that she observed a suspicious white male loitering around her vehicle in the parking lot. When the victim approached her vehicle, she saw one of the windows broken out. At the same time, the male she had previously seen, approached with a firearm pointed at her and demanded her handbag. Once the suspect had the handbag, he got into a vehicle that was waiting nearby and fled the area.

Approximately 20 minutes later, a white female attempted to use the victim's stolen credit card to make a \$500 purchase at the Dollar General located at 34464 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville. At the same time, a black male exits the passenger side of a silver vehicle in the parking lot. The silver vehicle is believed to be a secondary suspect vehicle.

The suspect vehicle in the Armed Robbery is described as a black, newer model, 4-door sedan with black wheels and tinted windows. The vehicle was driven by a black male.

The suspect in the Armed Robbery is described as a white male, approximately 40 years of age, 6 foot tall with a thin build. He had brown hair and was last seen wearing a grey shirt, blue jeans, and flip flops.

The white female (pictured) is the suspect who attempted to use the victim's stolen credit card.

If you have any information on this case or recognize one or more of these individuals or vehicles, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Major Case Unit – Detective E. Johnson at 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.