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Media Release

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Re: Detectives Investigating Domestic Violence Homicide

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On 10-29-19 at 11:03 p.m., an operator in the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center answered a 9-1-1 call from a male who stated that he just killed his wife with a firearm.

Deputies and Hernando County Fire Rescue were immediately dispatched to the scene in Ridge Manor Estates.

The caller, Todd Bellville, provided his name and address to the operator.

Bellville told the operator the gun was put away, and that he had been drinking beer, and shot his wife because they had gotten into an argument.

Bellville told the operator that he'd wait on the front porch for the deputies.

Deputies arrived to find Todd Bellville on the front porch, he was immediately placed in custody. Inside the residence, deputies located a female who was obviously deceased.

At this time, it is unknown what the couple argued about or why Todd Bellville made the decision to kill his wife.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office has no record of any previous domestic violence type calls at the Bellville residence or involving either the husband or wife.

The investigation is still active.

After consultation with the State Attorney's Office, Todd Bellville has been charged with Second-Degree Murder. He is being held without bond.

As per Marsy's Law certain information was withheld from this Media Release.

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.