

Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: Missing Endangered Adult – Jose Pereira

Date: November 26, 2019

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is requesting assistance from our media partners and the community in locating a **MISSING ENDANGERED ADULT.**

Jose Pereira was last seen on 11-24-19 at approximately 5 p.m., when he left his residence (area of Fort Dade Avenue and Parrish Avenue in Brooksville) on foot. Pereira told family members he was walking to a local convenience store to purchase cigarettes. He never returned.

Family members advised that **Pereira** suffers from seizures and does not have his medication with him and that he recently made statements about killing himself. **Pereira** may have a machete in his possession.

Jose Luiz Pereira's physical description is as follows:

White Male

Date of Birth - 07-29-1970

Height - 5'8"

Weight - 180 lbs.

Hair - Brown

Eyes - Green

Shirt – Unknown

Pants – Grey – Dark faded jeans

Boots - Tan work boots

Jacket – Blue hooded jacket w/a skull on the front that glows in the dark.

If you have seen **Jose Pereira**, or know his current whereabouts, please call the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830 or your local law enforcement agency. 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.