



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Deputy Saves Child with Narcan – 2019-42273

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On 12-31-19 in the early afternoon hours, Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a residence in the northern section of the county regarding a Suicide Attempt.

Dispatchers received information that a child (younger than 13 years of age) was in the home with a sibling. The child, in question, reportedly had just been dropped off from having attended a mental health counseling session. The sibling in the home was unable to make contact with the child, who was inside the bathroom.

A neighbor was contacted to provide assistance.

The neighbor made entry into the bathroom to find the child unresponsive. The neighbor also observed that all of the child's prescribed medication was gone.

Deputy James Devorak was the first to arrive on scene. After quickly assessing the child, Deputy Devorak administered a single dose of Narcan. Shortly thereafter, the child became responsive.

The child was transported to a local hospital by Hernando County Fire Rescue. Physicians expect the child to make a full recovery.

Once medically cleared, the child will receive additional mental health services.

#### **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.