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Media Release

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Re: Detectives Investigating Early Morning Commercial Robbery – 2020-03852

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On 02-03-2020 just before 2 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Circle K, located at 3275 Broad Street in Brooksville regarding an Armed Robbery.

Upon arrival, deputies learned that as the clerk was completing tasks throughout the store, the clerk was alerted to the door chime, indicating someone was entering the store. The clerk proceeded to the front counter.

The clerk immediately observed two black males wearing light colored pull-over hoodies. The two males (suspects) approached the clerk, grabbed the clerk by the arms, and directed the clerk into the back room. The clerk was then directed (by the suspects) to remain in a restroom.

The clerk remained in the restroom until all was quiet in the store.

Upon exiting the restroom, the clerk observed that several cartons of cigarettes were missing, along with the clerk's wallet and cell phone.

The suspects are described as two black males, both tall, approximately 6' 170 pounds. Both suspects were wearing identical light grey colored pull-over hoodies over their heads, with the draw-string pulled tightly to conceal their faces. Both suspects wore gloves.

Being that the clerk was forced to remain in the restroom, the clerk was unable to provide a vehicle description.

If/when photos/video of the suspects become available, we will post it on our Facebook page.

If anyone has information of this incident or these suspects, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Major Case Unit 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.