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Media Release

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Re: Deputy and Fire Rescue Personnel Buy Food for Hungry Resident

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On 02-19-20 at approximately 12:30 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Ramos was dispatched to a residence in Spring Hill regarding a Well Being Check.

The Well Being Check was requested by a representative of a local health care facility after a patient told the representative she had no food in her residence and felt like she was going to pass out.

Having received information that the resident was feeling faint, Hernando County Fire Rescue was also dispatched to the residence.

Upon arrival, the patient was checked by paramedics. The patient was not experiencing a medical emergency and declined the services offered by Hernando County Fire Rescue. The patient told paramedics that she was fine and just needed food.

Deputy Ramos arrived and spoke with the resident and with personnel from Hernando County Fire Rescue. The resident told Deputy Ramos that she had just undergone invasive surgery on 02-08-20, after being involved in a Traffic Crash in Spring Hill. Due to the large medical bills incurred from the crash, the resident was unable to afford groceries and unable to travel to the store to retrieve them, as her body is still too frail from the surgery.

The resident was under the impression that the health care facility she was using would be providing meals, which was not the case.

Due to the immediacy of the resident's situation, Deputy Ramos and the personnel from Hernando County Fire Rescue traveled to a nearby Publix and (using their own money) purchased various food items for the resident that were included in her dietary guidelines.

When the first responders delivered the groceries to the resident, she began to tear up. She thanked the personnel from Hernando County Fire Rescue and Deputy Ramos for their generosity.

The health care facility overseeing the resident's home health care is making arrangements for long-term services regarding groceries.

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.