



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Spring Hill Man Charged in Burglary of Church

**Date:** May 8, 2020

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On 04-30-2020, Hernando County sheriff's deputies responded to the Florida Lighthouse Tabernacle Church located at 8400 Commercial Way in reference to a commercial alarm.

Upon arrival, deputies noted the front door to the church was open and the glass surrounding the door was shattered.

The church pastor met with deputies at the scene.

The pastor advised that nothing appeared to be missing. He did estimate the damage at roughly \$1,400.

Surveillance video showed a white male used a metal chair to break the glass surrounding the front door. The suspect then reaches through the opening to unlock the door. The suspect proceeds to enter the church. He is seen heading into the bathroom where he remains for a few minutes before exiting the bathroom and leaving the church.

Using evidence collected from the scene, on 05-05-2020 the Crime Analysis Unit was able to develop a possible suspect in the case, **Brian Ormsbee W/M DOB/11-19-1985**.

On 05-07-2020, information was received that Ormsbee was working on a shrimp boat and would be returning to the docks at 3 a.m. on 05-08-2020. While deputies were unable to locate the suspect at the docks, Ormsbee was eventually located and arrested at a residence on Maple Drive.

Upon questioning, Ormsbee advised he was involved in a motor vehicle crash on 04-29-2020 where his vehicle was totaled. He then went to a friend's house located near The Heather where he consumed a large amount of alcohol. Ormsbee said he blacked out and woke up the next morning lying on the side of Commercial Way.

Ormsbee told investigators he had no recollection of breaking into the church. However, upon seeing photos of the video surveillance he admitted the individual in the pictures was him.

Ormsbee was charged with Burglary of a Structure Causing over \$1,000 in damage.

His bond was set at \$2,000.

**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.**