



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Detectives Investigating Shooting at Social Club

**Date:** June 5, 2020

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On 06-04-20 just before 8 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to Bayfront Health Brooksville regarding a person who arrived at the hospital with a gunshot wound.

Deputies arrived in the Emergency Department and met with the male victim.

The victim told deputies he had been at Wize Guyz Social Club, located at 13407 Chambord Street in Brooksville, when he got into a confrontation with the owner, who is also the president of the organization, identified as Ricky James Barterian.

According to the victim, as he (the victim) began walking away from the establishment, Barterian fired a handgun at him, several times, striking the victim in the back.

Upon hearing shots being fired, the victim turned to face the establishment. The victim observed Barterian standing next to the door of the business with a firearm in his hands, shooting at him. The victim returned fire, then realized he'd been shot.

The victim was then transported to the hospital by friends.

Barterian did not wish to speak to detectives about the incident.

Detectives placed Ricky James Barterian DOB/03-25-59 under arrest, charging him as follows:

- Aggravated Battery w/a Deadly Weapon
- Shooting Into or Throwing Deadly Missiles/Public or Private Buildings/Occupied or Not Occupied
- Bond - \$20,000.

The victim was treated for the gunshot wound and released from the hospital.

### **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.**