



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: Shooting - Picardy Court Weeki Wachee

Date: July 13, 2020

Original Information – 07-12-20

Hernando County Sheriff's deputies and Major Case detectives are currently on scene of a Shooting on Picardy Court in Weeki Wachee.

One person is deceased.

All persons are accounted for and are cooperating with detectives.

There is no danger to the community.

The investigation is in the very early stages. There is no additional information available at this time.

We hope to release additional information late tomorrow morning.

Update

Since this investigation began, officials at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) have been in communication with authorities at the State's Attorney's Office (SAO).

In order to maintain complete transparency and the confidence of Hernando County citizens, as well as to ensure a complete and impartial investigation, a request was made

early this morning by the administration of the HCSO to have the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) work alongside investigators during this investigation.

This request was made as one of the individuals involved in this incident is retired from the HCSO, having served as a sworn law enforcement officer. This individual now volunteers his time, serving in the capacity of a Reserve Deputy Sheriff.

It should be noted this incident was domestic-related. The individual was not volunteering as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff at the time of the incident.

Once the investigation is complete, it will be turned over to the SAO for review. The SAO will determine if charges are filed.

Please note, the personal information (name, address, telephone number) of crime victims is protected under Marsy's Law. The personal information (address, telephone number, photographs, and dates of birth) of active or former sworn or civilian law enforcement personnel (and their families) is protected under Florida Statute 119.071(4)(d)2.

Due to Marsy's Law and FSS 199.071 (4)(d)2., we are unable to release any information regarding the individuals involved in this incident.

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.