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Media Release

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Re: HCSO Investigating Shooting in South Brooksville

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On 07-19-2020 just after midnight, Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Twigg Street in reference to a shooting.

Upon arrival, deputies quickly located a victim of a gunshot wound in front of a residence on Twigg Street. The victim was treated at the scene by Hernando County Fire Rescue. He was then transported to a local hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. The victim is expected to make a full recovery.

Numerous shell casings were found scattered throughout the area. A homeowner on School Street reported that a stray bullet entered his house as his family was sitting in the living room watching television. No one was injured in the house.

The victim advised he was walking down Twigg Street when he heard a gunshot and then felt a bullet strike him. The victim advised he then jumped out of the roadway to avoid being shot again. The victim advised he was unable to identify the shooter.

A short time later, a woman called to report that her adult son had dropped off a vehicle at a relative's house on Early Street after being shot at. Deputies located the vehicle, which had sustained several bullet holes.

The woman's son, fearing for his safety, fled the scene prior to law enforcement's arrival.

Detectives are continuing to investigate numerous leads in the case. No additional details are available at this time.

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.