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Re: HCSO Arrests Individuals Responsible for Spring Hill Preschool Burglary

Date: July 24, 2020

On 07-18-2020 at 6 a.m., employees at A Brighter Future Preschool located at 2977 Commercial Way in Spring Hill reported being the victim of a **Commercial Burglary**.

The suspects stole a children's play set valued at \$400, a playhouse valued at \$200, and a children's picnic table valued at \$50.

Additionally, the suspects dumped more than 100 cubic feet in volume of miscellaneous construction debris and personal trash in, around, and near the preschool's dumpster, which is located on private property.

While detectives sifted through some of the debris, they were able to locate items with a suspect's address and the names of other individuals who reside at that residence.

The two suspects were identified as **Yasmel Rangel Alvarez DOB/12-02-1991** and **Yoandry Dorta Martin DOB/01-26-1991**.

On 07-21-2020, investigators responded to Alvarez's residence on Valiant Avenue in Spring Hill. All of the stolen items from the preschool were located in the backyard. Detectives indicated the suspects appeared to be using the stolen items for personal use.

Detectives made contact with Alvarez and Martin who admitted to stealing the items from the preschool and illegally dumping the garbage in, and around, the dumpster.

Alvarez and Martin were each charged with one count of **Commercial Burglary** and one count of **Illegal Dumping**. They were transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where their bond was set at \$10,000 each.

Detectives gathered all of the stolen items found at Alvarez's home and returned them to A Brighter Future Preschool.

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.