



## 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 Suspicious Death in Spring Lake

**Date:** July 27, 2020

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On 07-26-20 just before 5 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to Spring Lake Highway just south of Hayman Road in (Spring Lake) Brooksville to investigate a report of a person "down" on the west side of the roadway.

Deputies and Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services arrived on scene to locate a female on the side of the road. The female was pronounced deceased at 5:05 a.m.

A crime scene was established both north and south of the area where the victim was located. Major Case detectives and Forensics specialists were called to the scene to collect physical evidence and conduct the investigation.

The deceased is a white female, 47 years of age.

The death has been classified as suspicious.

Detectives are requesting anyone who may have seen a vehicle in this area around this time, or may have any information at all on this case to please contact Detective Tom Breedlove at 352-754-6830.

If you have information and would like to remain anonymous – Please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com>. You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$3,000 cash!

The investigation is active and fluid. We are unable to release any additional information at this time without compromising the investigation.

Once additional information is available and can be released, we will provide an update.

### **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.**