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Media Release

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Re: K-9 Meck Tracks Down Spring Hill Burglary Suspect

Date: September 3, 2020

On 09-03-2020 at 10:43 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to a residence on Captain Drive in Spring Hill to a report of a **Residential Burglary in Progress**.

A witness indicated two men were inside a neighbor's house, and a vehicle was backed into the driveway with its trunk open.

When deputies arrived on scene, one of the suspects, later identified as **Justin McFadden DOB/09-25-1990**, fled the area on foot. The other suspect, later identified as **Eugene Villani DOB/10-03-1956**, was located inside the screened-in pool patio where he was taken into custody.

Additional units quickly arrived on scene to set up a perimeter. The Aviation Unit and K-9 Unit also responded to the scene to help search for McFadden.

Deputy J. Weeks deployed K-9 Meck to search for the suspect. K-9 Meck located McFadden, who quickly surrendered to deputies on scene.

McFadden was charged with **Burglary of a Dwelling** and **Resisting Arrest without Violence**. His bond was set at \$11,000.

Villani faces charges of **Burglary of a Dwelling**. His bond was set at \$10,000.

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 was re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.