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Media Release

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Re: Three Teens Charged in Spring Hill Home Invasion

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On 10-02-2020, a teenage victim met a friend **Donovan Whittaker DOB/07-29-2004** at Pioneer Park in Spring Hill to play basketball.

After finishing playing basketball, the victim and Whittaker walked back to the victim's house on Skyline Court.

While at the house, two individuals identified as **Dontae Roberts DOB/01-10-2004** and **Jairo Torres DOB/09-27-2003** allegedly used a gun to rob the victim of additional firearms located at the residence.

The suspects (Whittaker, Roberts, and Torres) fled the residence with the victim giving chase. The victim was able catch up to Torres. As the victim grabbed Torres' arm the gun discharged. No one was injured by the gunshot.

All three suspects got into a waiting vehicle and drove away.

On 10-05-2020, Whittaker, Roberts and Torres were each arrested on a charge of **Home Invasion**, a felony.

Once processed at the Hernando County Detention Center the teens were transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice facility in Ocala.

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.