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Media Release

From: **Denise M. Moloney**
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Re: **Detectives Seeking Information in 2018 Spring Hill Homicide**

Date: **October 13, 2020**

Hernando County Sheriff's detectives are seeking assistance from the public to help solve a Homicide that occurred in 2018.

During the early morning hours of October 16, 2018, Spring Hill resident **Alek Smith, W/M DOB/02-27-1996**, was the victim of homicidal violence during a Home Invasion at his residence on Legend Street in Spring Hill.

Detectives have worked tirelessly on this case for the last 24 months, but they still need your help! Even the smallest piece of information may be useful.

Anyone who has information about possible suspects in this case is asked to call Detective David Kortman at 352-754-6830, or to remain anonymous, call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-8477.

Alek Smith

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.