



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Skeletal Remains Found by Bicyclist along Good Neighbor Trail

**Date:** November 3, 2020

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On 10-26-2020 at 2 p.m., a bicyclist riding on the Good Neighbor Trail found what he believed to be human skeletal remains.

The bicyclist said he was riding along the trail when he decided to stop to use the bathroom.

He parked his bicycle and walked about 30 yards into a wooded area where he observed the bones.

Deputies responded to the scene but were unable to locate any skeletal remains due to darkness setting in.

Deputies contacted the witness on the morning of 10-27-2020. He offered to guide the deputies to the location of the bones.

The initial search failed to locate any skeletal remains.

With the continued help of the witness, deputies eventually located the skeletal remains.

The Medical Examiner's Office, detectives, forensic technicians, and the Pasco County K-9 Cadaver Team responded to the scene to conduct a more thorough search of the area.

Various human bones were collected from the scene by the Medical Examiner's Office. The collected bones were transported to their facility in Leesburg for further testing in hopes of determining an identity and possible cause of death.

No additional details are available at this time.

**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.