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Media Release

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Re: Hernando County Detention Center RN Manager Completes SANE-Training

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Sharon Williams, one of the RN Managers at the Hernando County Detention Center, recently completed a 40-hour Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Adult Adolescent training in Punta Gorda.

Completion of this training identifies Williams as a SANE-trained nurse. The next step for Williams is to complete a preceptorship, which will occur over the next few weeks in coordination with the Florida Department of Health.

Once Williams completes her preceptorship, she will be able to conduct SANE examinations on her own. After Williams completes 300 or more hours of SANE exams (usually 1 -2 years), she will sit for the National certification test through the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

Upon passing the National Certification test, Williams will official become a Certified SANE-A Nurse. There are currently only 44 SANE- certified nurses in the state of Florida.

Williams will be on-call in our county to conduct SANE exams as well as being a valuable resource to our agency.

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.