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Re: 911 Hang Up Call Leads to Deputy Saving Spring Hill Man's Life

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On 02-15-2021 at 10:42 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to a 911 hang up call coming from an apartment complex in Spring Hill.

Upon arrival, Deputy Kent noticed a toddler with no clothing walking in the parking lot of the apartment complex without supervision.

Deputy Kent then observed an open door to one of the apartments. The child walked with Deputy Kent to the apartment where the deputy announced his presence but did not receive a response.

Upon entering the apartment Deputy Kent located an unconscious adult male on the floor not breathing and without a pulse.

When the man was unresponsive to a sternum rub, Deputy Kent began performing chest compressions.

Following several rounds of chest compressions, the man gasped for air and began breathing.

Paramedics soon arrived on scene and continued the man's medical care.

Additional deputies on scene proceeded to contact the child's family who responded to the apartment and took custody of the child.

The man was transported to an area hospital for further treatment.

Hospital staff advised the man was having a medical episode but would make a full recovery.

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.