



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Suspect in Custody After Stabbing at Mariner and Cortez

**Date:** February 23, 2021

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On 02-23-2021 just after 1 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies along with Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services (HCFES) responded to the area of Mariner Boulevard and Cortez Boulevard (alongside the Walgreens) regarding a male on the ground, who was reportedly bleeding from his face.

Upon arrival, deputies observed a male on the sidewalk; the male was bleeding profusely from his upper body.

Preliminary investigation revealed the male had been stabbed. Witnesses provided a description and direction of travel for the female suspect.

Deputies quickly located the suspect walking eastbound on Cortez Boulevard and placed her into custody. The suspect is currently being interviewed by detectives. There are no other known suspects at large and there is no threat to the community.

The victim was treated on scene by HCFES then transported to a local trauma center. His condition is unknown at this time.

It is believed the victim and the suspect were not known to each other.

As a reminder, it is early in the investigation; the information provided is preliminary and subject to change.

Additional information will be provided when available.

***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.*