



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** McDonald's Employee Charged with Organized Fraud

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Detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Economic Crimes Unit recently completed an investigation into Organized Fraud. The investigation led to the arrest of McDonald's employee, Brittany Robinson.

The initial investigation began in November 2020 when two victims reported unauthorized charges on their debit cards. The unauthorized charges ranged from payments to utility companies, home furnishing rentals, and numerous food delivery purchases. Just prior to discovering the unauthorized charges, both victims reported using debit cards at the McDonald's drive-thru, located at 4166 Mariner Boulevard in Spring Hill.

Utilizing investigative subpoenas, detectives identified Robinson as a suspect. Coincidentally, Robinson was employed at the McDonald's and was frequently assigned to work the drive-thru. With cooperation from McDonald's management, detectives confirmed Robinson was working when both victims made purchases at the restaurant.

Detectives established probable cause to arrest Robinson. On 11-20-2020, detectives located Robinson at her place of employment and placed her into custody.

Robinson was uncooperative when interviewed by detectives and denied all fraud allegations.

Detectives seized Robinson's cell phone and obtained a search warrant. A forensic examination of the cell phone revealed over 20 images of credit/debit cards which had been taken inside of the McDonald's, from customers at the drive-thru window.

**Brittany Robinson DOB/03-31-1993** was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- Organized Fraud

- Fraudulent Use of Credit Card
- Criminal Use of Personal Identification Information
- Unlawful Use of Two-Way Communication Device
- Bond - \$12,000 (bond is set at Booking in accordance with court-defined bond schedule).

Detectives contacted each of the victims regarding their credit/debit information being compromised and additional charges are pending.

Robinson remains in the Hernando County Detention Center, pending trial.

#### ***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.***