



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Opinions Lounge Employee Shoots, Kills Bar Patron Outside of Establishment

**Date:** April 3, 2021

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On 04-03-2021 at 1:50 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to Opinions Lounge located at 19201 Cortez Boulevard in reference to a shooting.

The shooting incident occurred just outside of the establishment between an Opinions Lounge employee and a bar patron.

Investigation revealed during the incident **Stanley Matiyosus DOB/07-14-1978** shot a 25-year-old Brooksville man. The victim later died at the hospital. The victim's identity is not being released per Marsy's Law.

A second victim, a 21-year-old female, also sustained a non-life-threatening gunshot wound during the incident. That victim's identity is also not being released per Marsy's Law.

Following questioning, Matiyosus was arrested on a charge of **Second-Degree Murder with a Firearm** and **Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon**.

He was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being held in lieu of a no bond status.

**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.