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Media Release

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Re: Spring Hill Woman Arrested for Grand Theft Auto

Date: April 9, 2021

On 04-08-2021 at 10:53 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop on the driver of a stolen vehicle on Mariner Boulevard in Spring Hill.

The vehicle was reported stolen earlier in the day.

Three occupants were located inside the vehicle. The driver stated she was unaware the vehicle was stolen.

A passenger in the vehicle, **Crystal Hovis DOB/07-09-1992**, was a suspect in the stolen vehicle investigation. Hovis was observed in possession of the keys to the vehicle prior to it being stolen.

Deputies noted Hovis appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance at the time of her arrest and was unable to answer any questions.

Hovis was charged with **Grand Theft Auto**, a felony. Neither of the other two occupants of the vehicle were arrested.

Hovis was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where she is being held in lieu of a \$5,000 bond.

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.