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Media Release

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Re: Four Tampa Males Charged in Spring Hill Vehicle Burglary Spree

Date: April 30, 2021

On 04-25-2021 at 2:57 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Nantucket Cove Apartments in Spring Hill in reference to a vehicle burglary.

The victim advised he observed four males in the parking lot of the apartment complex wearing all black clothing acting suspiciously. The victim reported one of the individuals entered his vehicle.

A deputy responding to the area spotted the four individuals near the entrance to the apartment complex. Upon being spotted, the suspects ran into a nearby wooded area.

The deputy observed as the four males then got into a white vehicle and fled the area at a high rate of speed.

Deputies attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle as it headed south on Commercial Way.

The driver of the vehicle, later identified as **Jonathan Anetus DOB/08-15-2003**, eventually stopped near Wendy Court.

All four occupants were removed from the vehicle and detained at the scene.

Deputies observed various dark-colored clothing including hoodies and gloves laying in the vehicle. Deputies also located multiple prying tools.

Various items such as a woman's wallet, multiple cell phones, and two black pouches were located in the vehicle.

The victim responded to the scene and was able to identify the four suspects. The victim also provided video surveillance of the suspects in the parking lot of the apartment complex.

Additional vehicle burglaries were reported from victims at the apartment complex while the traffic stop was taking place.

Anetus and his three passengers, **Ralphel Allen DOB/03-22-2001**, **Jacquan Howard DOB/06-18-2002**, and **Demetrius Nelson DOB/06-28-2001**, who all reside in Tampa, were arrested in connection with the vehicle burglaries.

Allen, Howard, and Nelson were charged with five counts of Felony Burglary-Conveyance and five counts of Felony Possession of Burglary Tools.

The bond for Allen and Howard was set at \$64,000 each. The bond for Nelson was set at \$16,000.

Anetus was charged with three counts of Felony Burglary-Conveyance and three counts of Felony Possession of Burglary Tools.

Anetus, who is a juvenile, was released into the custody of a parent.

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.