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Media Release

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Re: K-9 Justice Tracks Down Brooksville Battery Suspect

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On 05-18-2021 at 5:07 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to a residence on Goucher Avenue in Brooksville in reference to a reported battery of an elderly person.

The victim, who is 70 years old, advised he was battered by **Aaron Martin DOB/07-29-1972**.

The physical altercation occurred inside the home the victim shares with the suspect. The victim returned home to find Martin intoxicated. During the altercation, Martin shoved and then hit the victim in the face. A family member of the victim was able to intervene and separate the two individuals.

Martin fled the residence upon learning law enforcement was contacted about the incident. Numerous deputies and a K-9 unit responded to the scene to search for the suspect.

Martin was quickly located in a nearby wooded area by K-9 Justice. Martin surrendered and was taken into custody without incident.

Investigation revealed Martin was drinking all day prior to the physical altercation with the victim. Martin fled from law enforcement because he did not want to go back to jail.

Martin was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center on a charge of **Battery on a Person 65 Years if Age or Older**, a felony. Martin was initially held without bond due to the domestic nature of the incident. Today, during first appearance his bond was set at \$5,000.

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.