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Media Release

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Re: Sheriff Reports Inmate Death at Hernando County Detention Center

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On 06-15-2021 at approximately 10:53 p.m., a deputy working inside the Hernando County Detention Center was alerted by inmates that another inmate was unresponsive.

The deputy immediately contacted the medical unit within the detention center and requested nurses to the inmate's cell. The deputy and three other deputies, along with a corporal and a sergeant, immediately responded to the cell where the unresponsive inmate was located.

Numerous individuals performed CPR including an inmate, deputies, and the nursing staff.

The inmate, **Robert William Bailey DOB/06-21-1970**, was transported by Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services to Bayfront Health Brooksville. At 12:40 a.m., Bailey was pronounced deceased by the medical staff.

Preliminary investigation revealed Bailey died as a result of a medical condition.

Bailey's body was transported to the District 5 Medical Examiner's Office in Leesburg where an autopsy will be performed to determine an official cause of death.

Bailey has been incarcerated at the detention center since 12-14-2020 on a charge of **Unlawful Possession of Personal Identification**. He was also being held on warrants from the Pasco, Polk, and Sumter counties.

No additional details are available at this time.

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.