



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Death Investigation – 13000 Block of Haverhill Drive

**Date:** August 25, 2021

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On 08-25-2021 at 10:02 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to a residence on Haverhill Drive in Spring Hill in reference to executing a **Writ of Possession and Final Judgement of Eviction**.

A 24-hour notice of eviction was posted on the front door of the residence on 08-24-2021.

When deputies arrived, they observed smoke coming from within the residence.

Due to the nature of the call, deputies set a perimeter around the residence and called in Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services to assist with the possible fire.

Neighboring residences were evacuated as a safety measure.

Deputies were unable to locate any movement within the house. However, deputies did observe suspicious items throughout the residence. In an abundance of caution, the SWAT team was then called in to clear the residence.

The SWAT team was accompanied by firefighters who assisted in extinguishing any active fires they encountered. The SWAT team located a deceased woman in the master bedroom. A deceased dog was also located in the same room.

The SWAT team discovered accelerants in the room. Investigation reveals the woman was possibly attempting to burn down the home.

The cause of death does not appear suspicious in nature, but related to the fire.

The woman's body was transported to the medical examiner's office in Leesburg for an autopsy and an official cause of death.

Deputies are currently working to notify the woman's next of kin.

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.