



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Four Suspects Rob Brooksville-area 7-Eleven

**Date:** October 29, 2021

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On 10-29-2021 at 1:57 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 7-Eleven gas station, located at 10325 Cortez Boulevard, in reference to the report of a commercial robbery.

Upon arrival, deputies spoke to the store clerk who advised four individuals entered the store as she was cleaning.

One of the suspects approached the clerk. The three remaining suspects began collecting numerous cartons of cigarettes.

The suspect watching the clerk then took the employee to the front counter and ordered her to open the register. The suspect proceeded to remove the money from the register.

All four suspects then exited the store and fled the area.

Deputies were unable to locate the suspects.

All four suspects were described as black males wearing hoodies, sweat pants, gloves, and medical masks to cover their faces.

The suspects' description is similar to another 7-Eleven that was robbed in Brooksville on 10-25-2021 as well as others that have recently occurred in surrounding counties.

The investigation remains active and there are no additional details 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.