



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Deputies Investigate Bomb Threat at Hernando County Courthouse

**Date:** November 4, 2021

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On 11-03-21 just before 1 p.m., deputies assigned to the Hernando County Courthouse were advised a Bomb Threat had been called in, directly to the courthouse.

As one of the deputies on scene notified the dispatcher, other deputies immediately began evacuating both the courthouse and the old courthouse. During this time, additional deputies began arriving on scene.

Once the buildings were evacuated, deputies, assigned to teams, re-entered both buildings to conduct a thorough search for any suspicious devices/items. Deputies searched both buildings and the inner and outer perimeter of the courthouse property, yielding negative results.

Just before 2:30 p.m., courthouse employees were escorted back into the building to resume working. Once all employees were back in place, normal operations were restored at the courthouse.

The case remains active, as detectives investigate the origin of the false report of a bomb.

There is no additional information 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.***