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Media Release

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Re: Spring Hill Man Charged in Sexual Battery of Minor

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On 11-03-2021, Hernando County Sheriff's detectives responded to a residence in Spring Hill in reference to a report of a sexual battery involving a minor.

Investigation revealed, during the early morning hours of 11-03-2021, the mother decided to check on her daughter who was supposed to be sleeping.

Upon reaching the bedroom, the mother noted her daughter was awake and crying.

The child proceeded to tell her mother that **Tristian Bishop DOB/07-01-1997** had been sexually assaulting her. The child further advised Bishop had sexually assaulted her within the last hour.

The mother immediately confronted Bishop about the incident and demanded he leave the residence, which he did.

Detectives were able to question the victim and her mother as well as gather evidence at the scene. Detectives were quickly able to obtain a probable cause warrant for Bishop's arrest.

On 11-04-2021 at 5:27 p.m., deputies were able to locate Bishop in a room at the Motel 6 located at 6172 Commercial Way in Spring Hill.

Bishop eventually exited the motel room and was taken into custody without incident.

Deputies noted Bishop appeared intoxicated.

Bishop was charged with three counts of **Sexual Battery on a Child Under 12 While in Familial Custody or Authority** and **Possession of Marijuana**.

Bishop was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being held without bond.

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.