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### Media Release

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**Re:** UPDATE – Arrest Made  
Detectives Investigating Spring Hill Shooting Incident

**Date:** November 5, 2021

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#### Update

On 10-28-2021, Major Case detectives made contact with business owners and residents in the immediate area in order to obtain any video surveillance of the incident. Fortunately, numerous surveillance cameras were active during the Shooting.

After a thorough review of all video surveillance, detectives determined a total of nine shots were fired. Additionally, the grey sedan that was observed fleeing the area (by witnesses) was positively identified as a grey Toyota Camry.

Detectives also received a tip regarding a possible suspect and the grey vehicle that was used in the offense.

Investigation revealed the vehicle was registered to an individual residing in the Spring Hill area. Detectives responded to the residence to find the grey Toyota Camry parked in the driveway.

Detectives made contact with the vehicle owner and an additional individual who was identified as a primary witness. The primary witness provided detectives with detailed information regarding the entire incident, including the identities of the suspect and the intended victim. Detectives also searched the Camry which revealed items of evidentiary value.

The suspect in this case was identified as Darien Daley. Daley borrowed the grey Camry and drove to the Hammock Ridge apartment complex in an attempt to locate the intended victim. Upon arrival at the apartment complex, Daley observed the intended victim driving towards the parking lot and began firing in the intended victim's direction. The intended

victim was unharmed. As a result, it was learned multiple items were struck with gunfire to include: vehicles, the apartment building walls, and even an apartment window.

It is believed that the motive behind the Shooting was drug-related.

On 11-04-21, detectives obtained a warrant for the arrest of Darien Daley.

Daley was apprehended later the same day and placed under arrest. Daley denied any involvement in the Shooting incident.

**Darien Daley B/M DOB/01-14-2000** was charged as follows:

- Shooting or Throwing Deadly Missile into Dwelling, Vehicle, Building or Aircraft (**9 counts**)
- Bond - \$90,000.

The is still under investigation.

### **Original Information (10-27-2021)**

On 10-26-21 just before 6:30 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies and Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services responded to the Hammock Ridge Apartment complex, located at 8332 Omaha Circle in Spring Hill in regards to a "shots fired" call for service.

Citizens in and around the area called 9-1-1 to report numerous shots being fired, from a moving vehicle, toward the apartment building.

Upon arrival, deputies observed several individuals standing in front of the apartment complex shouting that someone in a vehicle was shooting. When asked if they knew the location or could provide a description of the suspect, the individuals stated "the shooter" left the area. They pointed to the area where the vehicle was located when the shots were being fired.

Deputies located several spent shell casings on the ground where the suspect vehicle was reportedly located.

Deputies interviewed numerous witnesses regarding the incident and received conflicting information regarding the description of the suspect and the suspect vehicle.

Some witnesses stated the suspect vehicle was a red sedan, driven by a black male. The black male being the suspect and the only person observed inside the vehicle.

Other witnesses stated the suspect vehicle was a grey sedan, which may or may not have been missing the hood. The grey sedan was reportedly driven by a white male with long frizzy hair and a red beard. Again, the driver was described as the suspect, as he was the only person observed in the vehicle.

During this time, other deputies went door-to-door throughout the apartment complex, checking on each resident to confirm there were no injuries as a result of the gunfire. No injuries were noted and/or reported.

Deputies did locate damage to the exterior of the building and two parked vehicles that were struck by the projectiles.

Deputies searched for both vehicles/both suspects, meeting with negative results.

The case has been turned over to Major Case detectives who will continue the investigation.

At this time there is no additional information available.

If anyone has information on this incident or may have observed either or both of the described vehicles/suspects, please contact Detective D. M. Vargas at 352-754-6830.

**If you have information and would like to remain anonymous – Please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or \*\*TIPS from a cell phone. You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> . You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!**

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