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Media Release

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Re: Deputies Respond to Early Morning Shooting

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On 11-22-2021 just before 2 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a residence on Boswell Road in Spring Hill regarding a Shooting.

The 9-1-1 caller told the operator an intruder entered the residence, and as a result, the intruder was shot.

Upon arrival, deputies located an adult male in the garage. The male was suffering from at least one gunshot wound.

The male was treated on scene, then transported by ambulance to a local trauma center where he will undergo surgery to address the gunshot wound(s).

During an interview with the person (91-1 Caller) who shot the male, detectives learned the two were previously involved in a romantic relationship and still maintain regular contact with each other.

In the evening hours of 11-21-2021, the 9-1-1 Caller was supposed to pick the male up from a local pub; however, when the 9-1-1 Caller contacted the male, the male was not ready to leave the establishment.

Between midnight and 1 a.m., the male sent text messages to the 9-1-1 Caller that he was ready to be picked up. The 9-1-1 Caller refused to pick up the male, as he was "acting belligerent on the phone."

Just before 2 a.m., the male arrived at the 9-1-1 Caller's residence, via a ride share company. The male knocked on the door and was permitted to enter when the 9-1-1 Caller answered the door.

Soon after entering the residence an argument ensued. The 9-1-1 Caller told the male to leave. The male refused and a brief physical altercation occurred between the two.

When the physical altercation was over, the 9-1-1 Caller retrieved a firearm. The two argued again. The 9-1-1 Caller directed the male to leave the residence several more times.

After a short time, the two engaged in another physical altercation.

The 9-1-1 Caller, still in possession of the firearm, fired at and struck the male. The male stumbled through the house to the garage, where he was located by deputies.

The 9-1-1 Caller was cooperative with detectives.

The investigation is ongoing. 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.