



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Traffic Crash Involving Hernando County Sheriff's Deputy

**Date:** November 26, 2021

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On 11-26-21 just before 7 p.m., a Hernando County Sheriff's deputy was involved in a traffic crash at the intersection of Cortez Boulevard and Jasmine Drive in Brooksville.

At the time of the crash, Deputy Johnathan Weeks (K-9) was responding to a call for service regarding an armed suicidal person. Deputy Weeks was traveling in emergency mode, with his emergency lights and siren activated.

The other vehicle involved in the crash was occupied by two adults. The driver was transported by ambulance to a local hospital. The passenger, who was unrestrained, was airlifted to a local trauma center as a precaution.

Deputy Weeks was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. K-9 Meck was transported (by deputies) to Animal Emergency of Hernando for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash. K-9 Meck will remain at the animal hospital overnight, for observation.

The initial assessment by medical personnel indicate that none of the injuries sustained as a result of the crash are life-threatening.

The traffic crash is under investigation.

***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.**