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Re: HCSO Investigates Vehicle Burglary Spree in Spring Hill – 2022-11293 - 2022-

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During the late evening hours of 04-17-2022 and the early morning hours of 04-18-2022, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office received numerous reports of vehicle burglaries in the Spring Hill area. One vehicle was also reported stolen.

The streets impacted by the vehicle burglary spree included Beckwith Avenue, Alameda Drive, Archway Drive, Carson Avenue, Findlay Avenue, Thornton Court, Bonview Lane, and Venetta Drive.

The suspects appeared to be targeting unlocked vehicles in the area. However, the suspects did have access to tools to break windows if needed.

At a residence on Alameda Drive, the homeowner reported his GMC Sierra truck was missing from his driveway. Upon reviewing video surveillance from the scene, it appears the truck was taken around 1:58 a.m.

Deputies were later able to locate the victim's stolen vehicle abandoned near the intersection of Fentress Court and Comstock Street.

Members of the Forensic Unit responded to assist with processing each crime scene. Numerous surveillance video clips were also collected from each crime scene.

No additional details are 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 reelected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.