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<u>Media Release</u>

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Re: Deputy Delivers Door Dash Meal After Driver Arrested – 2022-10565

Date: April 22, 2022

On 04-11-22, Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Enterprise Rent-A-Car, located at 15519 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, regarding a Stolen Vehicle.

Upon arrival, deputies met with a manager who reported a rental vehicle (2021 Toyota Corolla) as stolen. The vehicle was rented to a Nicholle Kristine Martin. As per the rental agreement, Martin rented the vehicle on 03-29-22 and was to return it on 03-31-22. Martin failed to return the vehicle. Deputies were unable to locate the vehicle at Martin's residence on Blair Avenue in Brooksville.

On 04-21-22, just after 10 p.m., the stolen vehicle was spotted traveling northbound on Mariner Boulevard near Carnegie Way in Spring Hill.

Deputies conducted a Traffic Stop on the stolen vehicle at Mariner Boulevard and Monarch Street.

The driver, a female, later identified as Nicholle Kristine Martin, was ordered out of the vehicle and placed in custody. The passenger, a male, later identified as Christopher Brady, was also ordered out of the vehicle and placed in custody. There were no other occupants in the vehicle.

While speaking with deputies, Martin stated, she was simply trying to "do the right thing" this evening and return the vehicle to Enterprise.

A search of the vehicle revealed no illegal items; however, deputies did locate a Door Dash delivery that Martin was in the process of delivering when deputies conducted the Traffic Stop.

Deputies 'did the right thing' and delivered the Door Dash meal to its rightful owner, who was not only hungry, but fairly close to the location of the stop.

The stolen vehicle was towed from the scene. The passenger, Brady, was permitted to leave, as he was not charged with a crime.

Nicholle Kristine Martin DOB/08-25-1978, was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center and charged as follows:

- Grand Theft Auto
- Bond \$2,000.

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.