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Media Release

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Re: Deputies Make Arrest in Bomb Threat at Publix - 2022-29592

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On 10-06-2022 at approximately 12:40 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Publix, located at 4158 Mariner Boulevard in Spring Hill, regarding a Bomb Threat.

A Publix representative contacted 9-1-1 to report the incident, advising a male (suspect) inside the store told Publix associates he had a bomb strapped to his body. According to the suspect, the bomb was set to explode in 10 minutes.

Publix associates were unable to see anything suspicious, as the suspect had wrapped himself in a large blanket.

The suspect remained in the store for a short time, speaking with various managers, before exiting via the front doors.

Managers quickly began evacuating the store, in the event the suspect left an explosive device inside.

In an abundance of caution, surrounding stores were contacted so they too could evacuate the premises.

Upon arrival, deputies located the suspect outside the store; the suspect was immediately placed into custody. A search of the suspect's person revealed no explosive and/or suspicious devices.

Deputies conducted a primary search of the store, which revealed negative results. Soon thereafter, a second team of deputies conducted a secondary search of the store.

Additionally, deputies with drones conducted a thorough search of the roof. The secondary search, as well as a search of the roof revealed negative results.

The parking area was opened up and patrons and Publix associates were permitted to go back inside the store.

The suspect, identified as **Andres Miguel Alonso** DOB/09-02-2000 was placed under arrest and charged as follows:

- False Report of a Bomb.

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.