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Media Release

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Re: Detectives Investigate Double Murder-Suicide - 2022-34651

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On 11-21-22 just before 5 p.m., a resident from 11071 Heathrow Avenue in Spring Hill, called 9-1-1 and requested deputies respond to the residence regarding a family member with a gun.

A deputy responded to the residence earlier in the day, at approximately 2 p.m., in regards to a Civil Matter. During this incident, it was determined there were issues with the three family members residing together.

The deputy explained the process regarding eviction and offered to assist the family in coming to a compromise that would be suitable for all parties involved. Prior to the deputy clearing the call, all three family members agreed "the issue was over."

During the 9-1-1 call, the operator began conversing with the female resident who requested a deputy respond, due to the male resident having a firearm. The operator heard what she believed to be a gunshot, followed by the caller screaming and asking the male to "put the gun down." A second shot was heard. There was no further conversation with the caller.

In the recording there is believed to be three gunshots over an 8-minute period. Based on the call, detectives believe the first shot involved the female homeowner, the second shot was to the second female guest. The third shot, was the male homeowner. Detectives believe the male homeowner shot both residents before turning the firearm on himself.

Upon arrival on scene, deputies observed damage, consistent with a gunshot, to the front door of the residence.

Deputies deployed a miniature drone through the hole in the front door. Once inside, the drone allowed deputies to observe injured victims.

An entry team was formed and made entry into the residence. The scene was determined to be contained to the interior of the residence. All three occupants were deceased; there were no other persons inside the residence.

Investigation revealed the incident to be a domestic violence double murder/suicide.

All parties are accounted for and there is no danger to the community.

The investigation continues, there is no additional information available at this time.

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!

Hernando County Crime Stoppers can be reached by phone at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or **TIPS from a cell phone.

You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> .

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!

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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.