



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Pair Nabbed in Connection with Commercial Burglary

**Date:** December 28, 2022

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On 12-20-2022 at 10:01 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Vape Emporium located 2103 Mariner Boulevard in reference to a report of a commercial burglary.

Upon arrival, deputies noted that a brick was used to break two front windows to the business. Video surveillance from the incident showed two individuals entered the store and removed several hundred dollars' worth of merchandise.

On 12-21-2022 detectives were able to use the video surveillance to positively identify the suspects as **Shawn Andrews DOB/07-05-2006** and **Kolten Hardy DOB/07-19-2001**.

Later that day Hardy was located in the parking lot of Winn Dixie at 11092 Spring Hill Drive. He was wearing the same clothing as one of the suspects in the video from the store.

Hardy admitted to detectives his involvement in the commercial burglary.

On 12-21-2022 at 11:47 p.m., Andrews was located by detectives in the 10000 block of Spring Hill Drive.

Andrews was found in possession of several items that were stolen from the vape shop.

Andrews and Hardy were each charged with one count of **Commercial Burglary, a felony**.

Both suspects were transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where Hardy is being held in lieu of a \$10,000 bond.

Andrews, a juvenile, was later transported to the department of juvenile justice facility in Ocala.

## *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.*