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Media Release

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Re: HCSO Traffic Deputies Work Diligently to Ensure Safe Roadways for New Year's Weekend

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Deputies assigned to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit are deployed throughout Hernando County seven days per week. The main goal for these particular deputies is to ensure safe travel on county roadways. This goal is achieved through education, and if necessary, written warnings or traffic citations.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis has a zero tolerance for impaired driving. With that said, the HCSO traffic deputies were deployed in high concentrations over the New Year's holiday weekend (12-30-22 at 3 p.m. to 01-02-23 at 3 a.m.).

During this time, deputies with the Traffic Unit logged the following activity:

- Traffic Stops 246
- Arrests 10
- DUI Arrests 3
- Crash Investigations 38.

Further, patrol deputies assigned to specific geographical areas within the county utilized time between calls for service to monitor traffic. Patrol deputies logged the following activity during the same time frame:

- Traffic Stops 242
- Arrests 47
- DUI Arrests 0
- Crash Investigations 8.

If you would like to report a traffic problem and/or request Traffic Enforcement, please call our office at 352-754-6830 to do so. Thank you.

As always, we will continue to work diligently to keep Hernando County roadways safe for residents and visitors alike.

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.