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Media Release

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Re: Deputies Arrest Man Involved in Traffic Crash – 2023-02537

Date: January 23, 2023

On 01-23-23 at approximately 12:40 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a Traffic Crash on Mariner Boulevard and Frontage Road (near Cortez Boulevard).

As a deputy arrived on scene, one of the parties involved in the crash fired one or more shots from a handgun at or near the other parties involved in the crash. The suspect then fled the scene, on a motorcycle, at a high rate of speed.

The suspect was pursued by deputies and the FHP, with assistance from the HCSO Aviation Unit, who assumed the lead in the pursuit.

The suspect subsequently drove his motorcycle into an open garage at a residence on Arcadia Avenue in Spring Hill. Deputies quickly apprehended the suspect as he exited the residence.

A crime scene has been established at the original crash scene and at the residence on Arcadia Avenue.

The investigation continues.

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!

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.