



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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Media Release

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Re: Deputy Involved Shooting – Cobb Road – 2023-03271

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Hernando County Sheriff's deputies are currently on scene of a deputy-involved shooting on Cobb Road in Brooksville.

Deputies responded to the scene in reference to a domestic disturbance.

Upon arrival, deputies observed a physical disturbance occurring in the yard of the residence in question.

One of the parties involved in the disturbance fired at least one shot at deputies. One or more deputies returned fire. Two individuals were struck by the gunfire. Both were transported to a local trauma center.

No deputies were physically injured.

The case is active. There are no additional details available at this time.

As always, the FDLE will be conducting the officer-involved shooting investigation.

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.