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### Media Release

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Re: Diligent Investigation Results in Arrest for Shooting into an Occupied Dwelling  
– 2024-02891

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On 01-28-24 at approximately 9 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a residence on Kimball Court in Spring Hill regarding shots fired into the residence.

The 9-1-1 caller, a resident of the house in question, reported shots being fired into the residence while he was sleeping.

Upon arrival, deputies met with the caller. The caller told deputies the garage area of the residence was converted into a room. While sleeping in said room, the caller awoke to the sound of a gunshot and the feeling of something passing by his head. It was then the caller observed a hole in the garage door and contacted 9-1-1.

The caller went on to tell deputies he believed the incident to be gang-related.

Fortunately, no one was injured during this event.

Deputies located two, 9 mm shell casings in the roadway in front of the residence.

Detectives responded to the scene and took over the investigation.

Investigators worked diligently to obtain information that led to the identification and location of the suspect's vehicle.

A short time later, Deputy T. Jones located the suspect vehicle, a blue 2009 Scion TC, parked at a residence on Omaha Circle in Spring Hill.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence on Omaha Circle and the vehicle.

During execution of the search warrants, detectives contacted the registered owner of the vehicle, identified as Stacey Barnes. Barnes subsequently agreed to be transported to the HCSO for an interview.

Post Miranda, Barnes confessed to committing the shooting at the residence on Kimball Court, stating the reason he did it was because a person who lives in the residence owes him \$2,000. Barnes intended to scare the person, in hopes of receiving the money in a timely manner. Barnes went on to say that he "fired into the garage" to avoid hitting anyone.

Due to the evidence collected and statements made by Barnes, **Stacey Lovell Barnes DOB/10-18-1994**, was arrested and charged as follows:

- Firing a Weapon in Public or on Residential Property
- Firing a Missile into Occupied Dwelling/Vehicle/Aircraft
- Bond - \$20,000 (per bond schedule).

The investigation is still active.

***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!***