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## <u>Media Release</u>

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Re: Two School Crossing Guards Injured in Hit and Run Crash – 2024-04958

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On 02-14-2024 just after 4 p.m., multiple 9-1-1 calls were received in the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center regarding a hit and run traffic crash involving two school crossing guards.

Callers reported witnessing the driver of a tan sedan driving erratically in the area of Deltona Boulevard and Northcliffe Boulevard in Spring Hill. The driver of the tan sedan then struck two school crossing guards who were standing in the grassy median at the intersection.

After striking the crossing guards, the driver of the tan sedan fled southbound on Deltona Boulevard. While attempting to flee the area, the driver also struck a concrete drainage cover on the southwest corner of the intersection.

As a result of striking the drainage cover, the sedan became inoperable a few blocks south of the crash site. The driver, later identified as Robert Noack, then fled on foot.

Deputies converged on the area and promptly located Noack, who denied being the operator of the tan sedan.

The Florida Highway Patrol was called to the scene to handle the crash investigation. Please see the email from Sergeant Steve Gaskins for information relating to the crash investigation and of arrest of Noack.

The school crossing guards are identified as follows:

Nicholas Gallicchio, age 52 of Spring Hill. Transported to a local trauma center, Gallicchio's injuries are listed as minor.

**Donald Jenkins, age 82, of Weeki Wachee.** Transported to a local trauma center, Jenkins' injuries are listed as serious.

We ask the community to join us in keeping these gentlemen in their thoughts and prayers for a complete and speedy recovery.