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Media Release

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Re: Detectives Seeking Information in 2022 Death Investigation

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On 04-14-22, Hernando County Sheriff's detectives initiated an investigation into the suspicious death of an unidentified individual whose skeletal remains were discovered in a wooded area near the intersection of Horn Avenue and Winter Street in Brooksville.

On 07-14-23, with the assistance of numerous agencies, and the use of forensic genealogy, the victim was positively identified as **Jeffrey Warren Osborne W/M DOB/08-23-1965**.

Further investigation revealed the victim was an absconded sexual offender from Hernando County, who was last seen alive approximately nine months prior to the discovery of his remains.

Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding the circumstances surrounding the disappearance and subsequent death of Jeffrey Warren Osborne to contact Homicide Detective A. Covey at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office – 352-754-6830.

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!