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### Media Release

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**Re:** UPDATE - Hernando County Detectives on Scene of Homicide

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#### Update

On 06-05-14 detectives received information regarding a possible Homicide that occurred in either eastern Hernando or eastern Pasco County.

A crime scene was located within the Withlacoochee State Forest in Hernando County.

A suspect was identified and taken into custody by detectives on 06-05-14. The suspect was originally identified as Burnette, Daniel W/M DOB/07-12-1980. The correct spelling of the suspect's last name is **BRUNETTE**. The suspect's complete name is as follows:

- **Brunette, Daniel Brian W/M DOB/07-12-1980.**

Brunette provided detectives with a detailed account of the crime, directions to the crime scene and several items of physical evidence.

Detectives learned that Brunette and the victim were driving around discussing "ripping off drug dealers" when the two became involved in an argument. Subsequently shots were fired and the victim died.

The suspect drove to various places before disposing of the body in the Withlacoochee State Forest.

Detectives have identified the deceased (victim) as **Darius Octivan Hampton B/M DOB/12-02-1991**. Next of kin has been notified.

The investigation continues.

## Original Information

Hernando County detectives have been working with Pasco County detectives since late this afternoon regarding a tip received concerning a possible homicide. The tipster was able to provide a location and a possible suspect but did not know the identity of the victim.

Crime scenes have been located and are being processed.

Detectives located the alleged suspect leaving the area of Talisman Estates. The suspect was identified as **Daniel Burnette, W/M 7/12/1980**. Burnette was taken into custody and questioned by detectives. He provided a detailed account of the murder and also provided several items of evidence.

Based on evidence and his confession Burnette has been arrested and charged with Second Degree Murder with a Firearm. He is being held on a no bond status.

The investigation is still active at this time. Additional information will be provided on 06-06-14.