



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** UPDATE - Spring Hill Man Dead Following Reported Home Invasion

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#### Update

The deceased male is identified as **Alek Nathaniel Smith W/M DOB/02-27-1996**. Next of kin notifications have been made.

An adult female co-habitant and a two-year old child were also in the residence at the time of the Home Invasion/Shooting. The female received minor injuries during the incident; she is identified as **Victoria Anne Casey W/F DOB/11-09-1996**. The child was not injured.

The investigation is still active and fluid. As details are verified, that will not compromise the investigation, additional information will be provided.

#### Original Information

On 10-16-18 at approximately 1:05 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to 12271 Legend Street, Spring Hill, in reference to a report of a home invasion with shots fired.

During the incident a male who resides at the Legend Street address was beat and shot.

He was transported to an area hospital where he later died from his injuries.

Investigators indicated the incident does not appear to be random and is possibly drug related.

Deputies, including K-9 and the Air Unit, conducted a thorough search of the area for possible suspects.

The area has been cleared and there is no known threat to the neighborhood at this time. The investigation remains active.

Additional details will be provided as they are made available.

**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, and remains accountable to them.**