



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** HCSO Investigates Shooting Incident in South Brooksville

**Date:** January 18, 2021

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On 01-18-2021 at 9:05 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Twigg Street in South Brooksville after dispatchers received reports of a firearm being discharged in public.

Upon arrival, deputies located two individuals who had sustained non-life-threatening gunshot wounds. Both victims were transported to area hospitals for treatment.

The incident occurred during a large outdoor gathering in the area of Twigg Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Deputies were unable to locate the individual who discharged the firearm at the scene.

A crime scene has been established. No additional information is available at this time. Updates will be provided, as they are made available by investigators at the scene.

**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, ran unopposed in 2016, and was re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.