



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**Re:** Update #2 - Reward Increased - HCSO Investigates Homicide in South  
Brooksville

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#### Update #2

Detectives continue to work tirelessly following up on each and every lead in this case, and as such, are making significant progress in their investigation.

While significant progress has been made, detectives continue to seek witnesses who have information regarding the event(s) that led up to the incident that occurred on Twigg Street on 02-03-2021 at approximately 8 p.m. or in regard to the actual Shooting/Homicide.

Again, all persons submitting tips to Hernando County Crime Stoppers will remain anonymous and will be eligible for a reward of up to \$10,000.

If you have information, please do your part to help us keep every community within Hernando County a safer place to live, work, and play.

#### Update #1 – REWARD INCREASED – 02-10-2021

The Florida Sheriff's Association's (FSA) Criminal Apprehension Assistance Program (CAAP) has pledged an additional \$5,000 in reward money for a tip that leads to an arrest in this case.

The CAAP reward will be paid in addition to the Crime Stoppers cash reward of up to \$5,000.

**CAAP tips must be submitted through Hernando County Crime Stoppers by calling 1-866-990-8477 (TIPS) or via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com>**

Detectives have information regarding several potential witnesses who are refusing to come forward at this time.

### **Facts about anonymous tips to Crime Stoppers:**

- **ALL tips are confidential (the caller is not asked his or her name, nor is he or she required to provide a name);**
- **The HCSO takes NO steps to investigate the source of the tip(s);**
- **The payout process is completely anonymous;**
- **The person who provided the tip is not required to pick up the reward money himself or herself;**
- **The anonymity applies to EVERY tip submitted in EVERY case.**

### **Original Information – 02-02-2021**

On 02-03-2021 at 8 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's Office 911 dispatchers received calls from residents on Twigg Street in South Brooksville in reference to a shooting.

Deputies responded to 823 Twigg Street where they located one individual deceased from an apparent gunshot wound. Another victim was already en route via a private vehicle to an area hospital with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound.

Deputies also found a 13-month-old child with an abrasion to the torso area that appeared to be the result of being grazed by a bullet.

Detectives and members of the HCSO Forensic Unit responded to investigate and process the scene.

No additional details are available at this time as the investigation remains fluid.

Anyone with information regarding the shooting is asked to call the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830. If you would like to remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$5,000, please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-8477 (TIPS).

### **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.