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Media Release

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Re: Northbound I-75 to Close in Hernando County for Fallen Officer's Funeral Procession

Date: March 15, 2021

On Tuesday, 03-16-21 at approximately 1:30 p.m., all northbound traffic (travel lanes and on-ramps) will be shut down to allow for unobstructed travel for the funeral procession of Tampa Police Master Patrol Officer Jesse Madsen.

Master Patrol Officer Madsen was killed in the line of duty on Tuesday, 03-09-21, when he purposefully placed his vehicle in the path of a wrong-way driver on I-275. It is believed Officer Madsen did this to stop the wrong-way driver before the driver collided with a citizen.

The closure will affect the eastbound turn lanes and the westbound turn lanes for those who wish to turn north onto I-75.

The closure is expected to last for approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

Please note, the time of 1:30 p.m., is approximate only. Deputies will begin closing the road and on-ramps when the funeral procession nears the Hernando County line.

Please keep the Madsen family and the men and women of the Tampa Police Department in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve.

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.