



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

P.O. BOX 10070 – BROOKSVILLE, FL 34603-0070 FAX 352 796-0493 PHONE 352 754-6830

Media Release

From: Michael Terry
Deputy PIO, 352-797-3608

Re: Man Arrested after Stealing Ambulance from Oak Hill Hospital

Date: April 4, 2021

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is currently in the area of Port Court in Spring Hill in reference to a stolen ambulance.

The ambulance, owned by Hernando County Fire & Emergency Services, was taken at 12:27 p.m. from the ambulance bay at Oak Hill Hospital in Brooksville.

The ambulance crew was inside the hospital dropping off a patient when the ambulance was stolen.

The suspect, later identified **Trey Cornwell DOB/03-14-1992** drove the ambulance to the Kass Circle area off of Port Court.

Cornwell got the ambulance stuck in mud and sand as it approached a nearby body of water off of Port Court. Witnesses at the scene indicated the suspect fled toward a nearby shopping plaza.

Cornwell was taken into custody a short time later near the Hernando County Sheriff's Office substation located at 1231 Kass Circle.

Cornwell was charged with Grand Theft Auto.

He was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being held in lieu of a \$10,000 bond.

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.