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Media Release

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Re: Brandon Man Charged in Burglary of Brooksville Bank

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On 04-09-2021 at 10:49 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Synovus Bank located at 1000 S. Broad Street in reference to a report of burglary in progress.

A representative from the bank notified the Sheriff's Office of a possible intruder inside the bank.

The suspect smashed a glass door to gain entry into the bank.

The suspect was able to access and remove various rolls of coins prior to exiting the bank.

The suspect got into a dark-colored four-door sedan and fled the area.

Utilizing video surveillance the suspect was described as a male wearing a blue hoodie-style jacket, blue jeans, white shoes, and a dark-colored facemask.

The HCSO Crime Analysis Unit was able to develop a possible suspect due to the similar nature of the burglary involving a bank to ones that were committed in Hernando County several years prior.

Detectives then gathered additional video surveillance from neighboring businesses that further helped identify a suspect.

Using all this information detectives identified **Tyrone Michael Brinkley B/M DOB/05-12-1968** as a suspect in the bank burglary.

Brinkley recently served 8 years in federal prison for multiple counts of Burglary of a Structure (Banks) in Hernando County and other jurisdictions and is currently on probation.

A warrant was issued for Brinkley's arrest on 04-13-2021.

Investigation revealed Brinkley was living in an apartment in the Brandon area.

04-14-2021, detectives in Hernando contacted the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office for assistance in locating Brinkley.

Brinkley's probation officer advised the suspect was scheduled to work until 3 p.m. at Waste Management located in Tampa.

Detectives from Hernando and Hillsborough counties responded to Waste Management where Brinkley's vehicle was located. Upon spotting law enforcement, Brinkley fled the area on foot.

The Tampa Police Department (TPD) responded and deployed its K-9 and aviation units to assist in the search.

A TPD K-9 unit was able to locate Brinkley hiding in some bushes and he was taken into custody without further incident.

Brinkley was charged with **Burglary of a Structure** in reference to the burglary of the bank. He was also charged with **Resisting without Violence** for fleeing from law enforcement.

Brinkley was transported to the Hillsborough County jail where he is currently being held without 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.