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Media Release

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Re: Detectives Investigating Early Morning Shooting at Spring Hill Lounge – 2022-19006

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On 06-28-22 just before 1:30 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the Sunset Lounge, located at 5431 Spring Hill Drive in Spring Hill in regards to a possible Shooting.

Several callers told 9-1-1 operators that "numerous shots" were fired in the parking lot area of the lounge and at least one individual had been struck with gunfire. Callers also stated they did not know where the suspect went.

Deputies and Hernando County Fire and Emergency Services responded to the scene.

Upon arrival, deputies located two adult male victims in the parking lot. Both victims were suffering from gunshot wounds.

While speaking with witnesses on scene, deputies learned the (unknown) suspect possibly left the area in a vehicle, unknown description.

Both victims were transported to a local trauma center for treatment.

Detectives do not believe the Shooting was a random act of violence, as several witnesses stated the victims and suspect were engaged in conversation before the incident occurred.

Detectives are following up on leads in an attempt to identify the suspect.

There is no additional information available at this time. When available, additional information will be provided via media release.

9-1-1 calls will not be available until the case is closed.

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.