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Media Release

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Re: HCSO Focuses Enforcement Efforts on Roads and Waterways during July 4th Holiday Weekend

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The Hernando County Sheriff's Office conducted a Fourth of July weekend operations plan targeting the county's roadways and waterways.

For the period of 07-01-2022 thru 07-04-2022, deputies conducted a total of 494 traffic stops throughout the county.

Those 494 traffic stops resulted in 115 traffic citations, 16 traffic-related arrests and two driving under the influence arrests.

Deputies with the HCSO Marine Unit were also busy over the holiday weekend.

Marine deputies conducted 34 stops on the water that resulted in 10 citations being issued.

Marine deputies also made two arrests for individuals caught Boating Under the Influence (BUI). Of the two BUI arrests, one arrest was made on the Weeki Wachee River, while the other arrest was made out on the Gulf.

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.