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Media Release

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Re: Detectives Seeking Information in 2018 Spring Hill Homicide – 2018-32731

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Hernando County Sheriff's detectives are still seeking assistance from the public to help solve a Homicide that occurred in Spring Hill, in 2018.



Alek Smith

In the early morning hours of October 16, 2018, multiple gunmen entered the residence owned by Alek Smith, with the intent to commit a Home Invasion. Mr. Smith confronted the gunmen, while his girlfriend and their infant slept in nearby bedrooms.

At the hands of the gunmen, Mr. Smith became the victim of homicidal violence.

Detectives have worked continuously on this case since the date of occurrence; however they still need your help. **Even the smallest piece of information may be helpful.**

If you have information on this case, please contact Detective Tom Cameron at 352-754-6830.

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!

Hernando County Crime Stoppers can be reached by phone at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or **TIPS from a cell phone.

You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com>.

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!

Additionally, the Florida Sheriff's Association Criminal Apprehension Assistance Program (CAAP) will pay an enhanced reward of \$5,000 for information leading to the identity of the person(s) responsible for the murder of Alek Smith.

The CAAP reward of \$5,000 is in addition to the Hernando County Crime Stoppers reward of \$5,000, for a total reward of \$10,000.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, tips must be submitted through Hernando County Crime Stoppers. The person providing the information can and will remain anonymous.

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.