



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Bank Employee Alerts HCSO to Attempted Check Fraud

**Date:** July 19, 2022

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On 07-15-2022 at 3 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Capital City Bank located at 7153 Broad Street in Brooksville in reference to a report of a forgery.

Bank employees advised that **Edwin Denton Jr. DOB/02-24-1961** had presented a check to a teller in attempt to cash it.

The check was for more than \$2,000.

The teller became suspicious of the transaction due to the payee and the account holder both having out of county addresses.

The teller was able to contact the account holder via the telephone who advised the check was fraudulent.

Deputies were able to speak with Denton at the bank.

Denton, who is a transient from the Orlando area, advised he was approached by a man named Rich Youngblood who offered to pay him to assist in cashing checks.

Denton advised Youngblood purchased him a pair of jeans and then drove him from Orlando to the bank in Brooksville.

He advised Youngblood's vehicle was a silver Dodge Ram 1500. No additional suspects were located at the scene.

Denton was arrested and charged with **Uttering a Forged Instrument.**

He was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he's being held in lieu of a \$2,000 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.**