



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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Re: Detectives Seeking Information in Road Rage Incident – 2022-22554

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On 07-31-22 at approximately 9:30 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to reports of a Shooting that occurred in the area of Spring Hill Drive and Treehaven Drive in Spring Hill.

The victim, who called 9-1-1 to report the incident while traveling away from the immediate area where the actual offense occurred, met with deputies at a safe location.

Upon speaking with the victim, deputies learned the victim, along with one additional adult and two children, were traveling westbound on Spring Hill Drive in the victim's vehicle. In the rearview mirror, the victim noticed the vehicle directly behind them was driving in an erratic and reckless manner.

While still travelling westbound between Airmont Drive and Treehaven Drive on Spring Hill Drive, the victim pulled out of the travel lane and into the median, to allow the reckless driver to pass. The reckless driver drove past the victim's vehicle. The victim then resumed travelling westbound, behind the reckless driver.

The reckless driver then moved from in front of the victim's vehicle to beside it, on the passenger side. The driver of the reckless vehicle rolled his window down a few inches and began screaming at the victim. Recognizing the propensity for violence, the victim attempted to separate from the situation by pulling into a turn lane and stopping the vehicle.

The suspect stopped also, in the middle of Spring Hill Drive. The suspect then produced a firearm and fired one shot into the victim's vehicle. The projectile entered through the passenger window and exited through the driver's side window.

The driver and the other adult in the vehicle received minor injuries from broken glass.

The suspect then continued westbound on Spring Hill Drive.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic/Male between 30-40 years old. The suspect vehicle is described as a dark colored sedan, possibly a newer model Toyota Camry, bearing an unknown tag.

If you have information on this case please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office.

### **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!**

*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.*