

## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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## Media Release

From: Denise M. Moloney

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Re: Detectives Request Assistance in Locating Runaway Juvenile - 2022-14596

Date: August 5, 2022

Detectives are requesting assistance from the community and our media partners in locating a Runaway Juvenile.

Jacob Bedson is under the care of Youth and Family Alternatives (YFA).

On 05-17-22, a YFA staff member took Bedson to shop for clothing at a business in the 5300 block of Spring Hill Drive in Spring Hill. In an effort to elude the YFA staff member, Bedson fled out the rear door of the business.

Since that time, detectives have been unable to locate Bedson.

Representatives from the YFA advised that Bedson is a frequent runaway and may be at or headed to a homeless camp near 13508 Hicks Road in Hudson, FL (Pasco County).

Bedson is described as follows:

DOB/12-07-2004

Race - White

Sex - Male

Height - 5'9"

Weight – 110 pounds

Hair – Blonde – Medium Length – Curly

Eyes – Blue/Gray

Clothing – Unknown.



If you have seen, or know the whereabouts of, Jacob Bedson, please contact Detective Tom Cameron at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office – 352-754-6830.

## 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.