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### Media Release

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Re: District Two Detectives Make Arrest for Armed Vehicle Burglary and Grand Theft Auto – 2023-07808

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On 03-09-23, Hernando County Sheriff's District Two detectives were assigned to investigate an Armed Vehicle Burglary and a Stolen Vehicle, both of which occurred within the Wellington community in Spring Hill.

On 03-10-23, deputies located the stolen vehicle. The vehicle was being operated by Blake Knight. Knight was placed under arrest for being in possession of a stolen vehicle.

When questioned by District Two detectives, Knight claimed to have no knowledge of the vehicle being stolen and/or of the armed vehicle burglary. Knight told detectives he "Got the vehicle from a guy named Ant."

At the time, detectives were unable to develop probable cause to arrest Knight for the armed vehicle burglary.

Upon conducting additional investigation, and obtaining a search warrant, detectives developed probable cause for the arrest of Knight for Armed Vehicle Burglary.

A juvenile pick up order was obtained for the arrest of Knight.

On 07-29-23, patrol deputies located Knight and placed him under arrest.

When questioned by detectives, Knight continued to deny involvement in both the armed vehicle burglary and the stolen vehicle.

Blake Paul Knight DOB/03-18-2008 was charged as follows and delivered to the Juvenile Detention Center in Ocala:

- Grand Theft Auto
- Armed Vehicle Burglary.

**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!**

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