



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Kasey Johnson  
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**Re:** Juveniles Arrested for Burglary and Damage to Clubhouse – 2023-25439

**Date:** August 10, 2023

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On 08-09-2023, at approximately 1:13 p.m., the Hernando County Sheriff's Office received a call stating two individuals had broken into a closed residential community clubhouse and were currently breaking windows and causing damage to the property.

A few minutes after the call was received, deputies arrived on scene and were able to observe two individuals moving around inside the building.

Within only 6 minutes, deputies had placed two male juveniles' individuals in custody.

The juveniles, later identified as 16-year-old **Kyler Whitacre**, DOB/01-20-2007, and 15-year-old, **Brandon Tecce**, DO/11-07-2007, were both arrested and charged with felony crimes as follows:

**Kyler Whitacre**

-Burglary of Dwelling or Structure Causing Damage Over \$1,000

**Brandon Tecce**

-Burglary of Unoccupied Structure, Unarmed

Both juveniles were transported to Hernando County Detention Center. Whitacre was later transferred to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Tecce was later released into the custody of a parent.

## **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.*