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Media Release

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Re: Update – Charges Filed - Galloway Road – Battery and Death Investigation –
2023-17441

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UPDATE

On 07-14-2023, detectives received the autopsy results from the Medical Examiner, confirming the victim's manner of death had been ruled a homicide.

On 07-18-2023, detectives met with the State Attorney's Office to review the case, where it was determined an arrest warrant would be written for Raymond Garrity, for one count of Manslaughter.

On 08-14-2023, the arrest warrant for Garrity was issued and signed by the Honorable Judge D. Barbee.

On 08-14-2023, at approximately 8:30 p.m., deputies responded to Garrity's residence and placed Garrity under arrest on one count of Manslaughter.

Garrity was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where bond was set at \$30,000.

ORIGINAL INFORMATION – 05-30-2023

On 05-28-2023 at approximately 6:41 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a residence on Galloway Road in Weeki Wachee, regarding an unresponsive male, lying in the driveway.

Callers told 9-1-1 operators the unresponsive male (Male #1) had just been involved in a physical altercation with another male (Male #2) and that Male #2 had left the scene.

Upon arrival, fire rescue personnel began administering life saving measures to Male #1. Male #1 was then transported to Oak Hill Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Investigation revealed that Male #1 and Male #2, along with two other males who were witnesses to the incident, were all friends, and had been for many years.

Both witnesses told detectives they, along with Male #1 were sitting in chairs in the driveway at one of the witnesses' residence. Male # 1 had his dog with him. The men were just talking and enjoying the evening. Male #2, who was walking his dog, approached the men in the driveway and began talking with them.

Male #2's dog began interacting with Male #1's dog. During this time, Male #2 "nudged" the other dog away from his dog several times, using his foot. Male #1 requested Male # 2 to stop nudging his dog. Male #2 nudged the dog again.

Male #1 stood up and the two men became engaged in a physical altercation.

The altercation lasted for a few minutes, at which time both men stopped fighting. The resident asked Male #2 to leave the property. Male #2 left and returned to his residence, nearby.

Over the next several minutes, Male #1 began to experience symptoms of a cardiac event. Male #1 then collapsed in the driveway.

An autopsy was performed on Male #1. Detectives are awaiting the results of same.

The investigation remains active, pending cause and manner of death.

There is no additional information available at this time.

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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.