



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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From: Denise M. Moloney  
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Re: LOCATED DECEASED - MISSING ADULT - Erika Harshbarger - 2023-28883

Date: September 12, 2023

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#### **UPDATE**

Erika Harshbarger has been located, deceased. The cause of her death is currently under investigation.

#### **ORIGINAL INFORMATION – 09-10-23**

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is requesting assistance from our media partners and the community in locating a **MISSING ADULT**.

**Erika Harshbarger** was last heard from on 08-25-2023 when according to a family member Harshbarger was involved in a heated argument with her boyfriend where she made suicidal statements.

Law enforcement has been unable to locate Harshbarger.

**Erika Harshbarger's physical appearance is as follows:**

**Race – White**  
**Sex – Female**  
**DOB – 12-05-1979**  
**Height – 6' 0"**  
**Weight – 175**  
**Eyes – Green**  
**Hair – Long Brown**

If you have seen Harshbarger or know her current whereabouts, please call the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830 or your local law enforcement agency.

Thank you.



**Erika Harshbarger**

#### *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.*