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Media Release

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Re: UPDATE # 2 Deputy-Involved Shooting in South Brooksville – 2025-00128239

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Michael O'Banner DOB/01-24-1963, the suspect who fled on foot during a traffic stop last night in South Brooksville and was shot by a deputy following a physical altercation, has died as a result of his injuries.

Contrary to some rumors being posted on social media, a preliminary autopsy completed earlier today by the District 5 Medical Examiner's Office in Leesburg confirms O'Banner was not shot in the back.

Additional details surrounding the shooting will be provided upon completion of the investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and a corresponding review of those results by the State Attorney's Office, which is standard protocol.

The name of the deputy involved in Thursday's deputy-involved shooting is listed below.

- Deputy Dylan Cianfarani

Deputy Cianfarani has been employed by the Hernando County Sheriff's Office since 05-09-2022. He is 21 years old.

As per standard protocol, the deputy involved in this incident will be placed on paid administrative leave during the investigation. The HCSO will also investigate the incident internally to ensure agency policy and law enforcement best practices were followed.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis urges the public to rely on verified information from official sources as investigators work to determine the facts surrounding this incident.

UPDATE # 1 Deputy-Involved Shooting - 10:50 p.m.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is currently on the scene of a deputy-involved shooting that occurred at approximately 9:20 p.m. in the area of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Ellington Avenue in South Brooksville.

The incident occurred following a traffic stop near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and South Brooksville Avenue.

During the traffic stop a male suspect fled from the vehicle. Following a short foot chase the deputy was able to catch up to the suspect near Ellington Avenue. A physical altercation ensued where preliminary investigation indicates the suspect reached for the deputy's firearm. The deputy shot the suspect during the altercation.

The suspect was taken to an area hospital for treatment of his gunshot wounds. The deputy was also checked for injuries at the scene.

The FDLE has been notified and will handle the shooting investigation. Updates will be provided when they are made available by investigators at the scene.

Original information

Increased Law Enforcement Presence

There is an increased law enforcement presence in the area of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Ellington Avenue in reference to a report of a shooting.

No additional details are available at this time. All parties are accounted for. Additional details will be made available by investigators at the scene. Please avoid the area, if possible.

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!