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Re: SENTENCING UPDATE: Brooksville Man Charged with 2nd Degree Homicide –
2023-36888

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UPDATE: 12-22-2025

On 11-14-2025, R W Resca Jr. DOB/04-03-1970 was adjudicated guilty for 2nd Degree Murder and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon.

On 12-18-2025 Resca Jr. was sentenced to **Life** in the Florida Department of Corrections for 2nd Degree Murder and 15 years for Possession of a Firearm by a Felon.

ORIGINAL INFORMATION

On 11-21-2023, just before 3:30 p.m., the Hernando County Sheriff's Office received a call regarding a suspicious person near a business on Cortez Boulevard, on the east side of the county.

The caller stated they saw what appeared to be a deceased person near the back of a dead-end road, and a strong, foul odor was present in the area.

Multiple units from the Hernando County Sheriff's Office and Hernando County Fire Rescue immediately responded to the scene. A Hernando County Fire Rescue Captain confirmed the individual in question was deceased and in the early stages of decomposition. It was reported that the victim appeared to have been a victim of homicidal violence.

Hernando County Sheriff's Office Major Case detectives and Forensic Science technicians, along with the medical examiner, then responded to the scene to conduct their investigation.

The identity of the decedent was quickly confirmed and a person of interest was identified, and subsequently located for questioning.

Within 10 hours of the initial call for service, the suspect, identified as **R W Resca Jr. /DOB 04-03-1970**, had provided detectives with a confession of the murder and the disposal of the body.

Resca Jr. was placed under arrest on the charge of **2nd Degree Homicide** and transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where he is being held without bond.

Investigation revealed this was an isolated incident, domestic in nature, and that there is/was no threat to the community.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office will not be releasing the victim's identity, as it is protected under Marcy's Law.

