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Media Release

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Re: Suspect Arrested in Commercial Burglary Investigation – 202600102036

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On 01-03-2026, deputies with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Krueger Brewing Company, located at 1320 Commercial Way in Spring Hill, in reference to a commercial burglary in progress.

Upon arrival, Deputy Lewis observed a white male wearing a black shirt, black backpack, and a beanie walking into a wooded area. Deputy Lewis activated her patrol vehicle's scene lights and illuminated the area as she exited her vehicle. The deputy observed the male subject jump over a fence, where a bicycle and a large red-and-black bag were later located. The bag contained power tools that were confirmed to have been taken from the brewing company.

Additional deputies and a K-9 unit canvassed the surrounding area but were unable to locate the suspect at that time. Through further investigation the suspect was identified as **Nicholas Lee Courtright DOB/12-25-1978**.

On 01-06-2026, detectives with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Intelligence Unit located Courtright in the area of Applegate Drive. Courtright was taken into custody on an active Hernando County warrant related to a separate incident involving retail theft at Pet Supplies Plus.

While speaking with Courtright, detectives showed him several photographs from video surveillance. Courtright identified himself as the individual observed in the footage at the time of the burglary. Courtright further stated that a friend encouraged him to commit the burglary. He advised that upon exiting the business and observing bright lights, he became fearful of being caught and fled the area on foot into the woods.

Courtright was arrested and charged with the following

-Burglary

-Resisting an Officer Without Violence

Courtright was transported to the Hernando County Jail, where he is being held on a \$6,000 bond.



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.

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