



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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MEDIA RELEASE

From: Michael Terry
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Re: Man Killed in Helicopter Accident at Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport

Date: January 10, 2019

On 01-10-19 at about 3:35 p.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to 16308 Flight Path Drive in Brooksville in reference to a death investigation.

The caller stated he and another individual were using a power cart to jumpstart a helicopter when, for an unknown reason, the helicopter suddenly jerked up and then came down.

This motion caused the main rotor blades to strike one of the men, who was working on the helicopter, in the head.

The man, who has been identified as **Salvatore Disi W/M DOB/04-16-1956**, was killed instantly.

The helicopter that the two men were working on at the time of the incident is used by Dr. Alfred Bonati.

The Medical Examiner's Office in Leesburg responded to the Brooksville-Tampa Bay Regional Airport to remove the body from the scene.

The incident remains under investigation. No additional details are available at this time.

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, and remains accountable to them.