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Media Release

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Re: UPDATE - Arrest Made - Detectives Investigating Shooting of Two in Kennedy Park

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Update

Detectives have worked diligently to identify a suspect in this double shooting.

H'Keem Lavar Hart was identified, through a thorough investigation, as the shooter in this case.

Hart was located and arrested on 09-06-19 at the Corrections-Probation and Parole Office on Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville.

Hart was arrested on the following charges:

- Aggravated Battery w/Firearm (Warrant)
- Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon (Warrant)
- Violation of Probation.

During questioning, Hart denied any involvement in the shooting.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis said, "We have difficulty getting information in some communities, even on some of the most violent crimes. First, we'd like to thank the people who came forward with suspect information and details regarding what happened. Secondly, holding these violent criminals accountable will likely prevent an innocent child from being killed by a stray bullet."

Both victims are recovering from their injuries. One has been released from the hospital; the other is still recovering in the hospital.

Original Information – 09-02-19

On 09-02-19 at approximately 12:15 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Kennedy Park parking lot, at the end of Kennedy Boulevard in Brooksville, regarding a Shooting.

Operators in the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center received several calls regarding the incident, callers stated that multiple persons had been shot.

Numerous deputies along with Hernando County Fire Rescue were dispatched to the area.

Upon arrival, deputies located a male victim with gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to a local trauma center by Hernando County Fire Rescue.

Another victim, a female, was transported by personal vehicle to a local hospital. She was later transported by Fire Rescue to a local trauma center for advanced care.

Information on the victims is being withheld as per Marsy's Law.

The suspect, who fled the area prior to the arrival of law enforcement, is described as a black male, 5'7" to 5'9" – short and stocky. No further description provided.

The investigation remains active and fluid. At this time, there is no additional information available.

If you have information on this incident, please contact **Detective George Loydgren or Detective Tom Breedlove at 352-754-6850.**

If you have information and would like to remain anonymous – Please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> . You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$3,000 cash!

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 remains accountable to them.