



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Michael Terry  
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**Re:** Man Arrested in Connection with Wheystone Drive Homicide

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The Hernando County Sheriff's Office has made an arrest in connection with the shooting death of a 57-year-old Hernando County man earlier today in eastern Hernando County.

**Dana Gaffney Sr., W/M DOB/10-17-1962**, was shot at his Wheystone Drive home by his grandson, **Timothy Ryan Gaffney, W/M DOB/05-24-1999**.

Following the incident, Dana Gaffney Sr. was transported to a nearby trauma center where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Timothy Gaffney was located less than two hours after the incident, a short distance from where the shooting occurred. Deputies apprehended Timothy Gaffney following a short foot chase.

Details surrounding and leading up to the shooting remain under investigation.

Timothy Gaffney currently faces charges of **Second-Degree Murder with a Firearm, Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, and Possession of a Firearm by a Felon**.

Timothy Gaffney is currently being held at the Hernando County Detention Center without bond.

**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.