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Media Release

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Re: Detectives Seeking Information in Armed Home Invasion

Date: March 23, 2020

On 03-22-20 at approximately 2:30 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Bayfront Health Brooksville regarding a male patient in the emergency room claiming to have been struck with a weapon.

Upon arrival at the hospital, deputies learned that hospital staff had already requested the patient be medically transported to Regional Center Bayonet Point, due to the extent of his head injuries.

Deputies quickly made contact with the victim to find out what had taken place.

As the victim began telling the story, it became immediately apparent that an Armed Home Invasion had occurred at his residence. The deputy at the hospital requested additional deputies respond to the victim's residence, on Howell Avenue in the City of Brooksville, to secure the crime scene.

The victim told deputies he was in his bedroom, with the door closed, at about 1 a.m., when he decided to leave the bedroom. When the victim opened his bedroom door, he observed three black males in his residence. The black males were wearing dark-colored t-shirts, dark-colored pants, and t-shirts tied around their heads. All three of the black males were wielding handguns.

One of the suspects hit the victim in the head with a weapon and then demanded money.

The same suspect then picked up various objects from inside the residence, including valuables.

The suspects took various items from others who live in the residence before fleeing.

The victim was taken to the hospital by a friend.

Detectives interviewed all persons who were in the residence at the time of the incident.

Forensics Specialists responded to the scene to collect physical evidence and photographs.

The case was turned over to Major Case detectives for investigation.

If you have any information about this case, please contact Detective D. Kortman at 352-754-6830.

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.