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Re: HCSO Investigates Harold's Auto Center Burglary

Date: September 22, 2020

On 09-21-2020 at 7:30 a.m., an employee of Harold's Auto Center located at 5299 Commercial Way in Spring Hill called to report a burglary.

The caller reported various items were stolen from the business to included tools, electronics, and two vehicles.

The employee noted the office was in disarray and the keys and corresponding vehicles belonging to two customers were missing.

Deputies noted that the suspect(s) made entry by prying open a rear door to the garage.

One of the vehicles stolen was a 2015 white Ford Escape that was dropped off for service by a towing company over the weekend. The other vehicle was a 2004 Mitsubishi Eclipse that was dropped off for service.

The investigation into the incident remains active. No additional details are available at this time.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830.

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 was reelected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.