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### Media Release

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**Re:** UPDATE – HCSO Nabs Wawa Armed Commercial Robbery Suspect

**Date:** July 21, 2021

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#### UPDATE

On 07-19-2021, **David Michael Brady DOB/03-23-1991** appeared before District Court Judge Stephen Toner where he entered a guilty plea to charges of **Armed Robbery** and **Possession of a Firearm by a Felon**.

Judge Toner sentenced Brady to 25-years in prison.

#### Original information – 07-07-2020

On 07-07-2020 just after 5 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Wawa, located at 20101 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, in reference to a report of an **Armed Commercial Robbery**.

A clerk advised a male, later identified as **David Michael Brady DOB/03-23-1991**, entered the store and selected several items. When Brady attempted to pay for the items, his debit card was declined. Brady then went toward the ATM as the clerk continued to assist other customers.

The clerk advised Brady returned to the counter and attempted to pay for the items with the same debit card, which was again declined. The clerk said Brady returned to the counter yet again and this time lifted his shirt to display the butt of a long gun.

Brady proceeded to demand all of the money in the register, which the clerk complied. Brady grabbed a pack a cigarettes prior to exiting the business. Brady was seen getting into a waiting vehicle and fleeing the area.

Store clerks advised that Brady was seen at the gas station several times earlier that morning prior to the armed commercial robbery. Using a detailed description provided by store clerks and surveillance video, deputies were able to identify Brady as a suspect in the armed commercial robbery.

On 07-14-2020, Brady was located at a residence on Decatur Avenue. Brady made several statements to detectives about his involvement in the armed commercial robbery at Wawa.

Brady was charged with **Armed Robbery, Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, and Retail Theft**. His bond was set at \$110,000.

#### 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 re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.