

— SHERIFF — Al Nienhuis

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<u>Media Release</u>

From: Denise M. Moloney Public Relations Manager, 352-797-3609

Re: Two Males Charged with Multiple Vehicle Burglaries – 2023-06800

Date: March 22, 2023

On 03-22-23 in the early morning hours, Hernando County Sheriff's deputies conducting proactive patrols in the area of the 7-Eleven, located at 4710 Commercial Way in Spring Hill, spotted a Nissan Altima in the parking lot. A stolen tag had been attached to the Nissan.

Deputies made contact with the occupants of the vehicle, Gino Carnesi (driver) and Ely Ramirez (passenger).

After detaining both occupants, deputies located two loaded handguns; one in Carnesi's front (pants) pocket, the other under the driver's seat of the vehicle.

The handgun located under the seat, a Smith & Wesson 40 caliber, had been reported stolen in February, to authorities in Pinellas County.

District Two detectives responded to the scene.

Upon examining items inside the vehicle, detectives recognized various articles of clothing and a "Coach" satchel type bag as items worn and/or used by suspects who recently committed several vehicle burglaries in Hernando County.

Carnesi and Ramirez were both transported to the HCSO District Two office for interviews.

During post Miranda interviews, both Carnesi and Ramirez confessed to their involvement in at least 26 recent vehicle burglaries. Both identified themselves in surveillance video and told detectives specific areas they had been targeting. The pair went on to say they traveled on foot when committing the crimes, targeting small valuable in UNLOCKED VEHICLES.

Detectives placed both individuals under arrest, charging them as follows:

Gino Skye Carnesi DOB/12-11-2003

- Conveyance Burglary/Unarmed (31 counts)
- Carrying Concealed Firearm
- Grand Theft Firearm
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of Marijuana
- Bond \$36,000

Ely Justin Ramirez DOB/12-12-2005

- Conveyance Burglary (31 counts)
- Resist Arrest w/o Violence
- Petit Theft
- Bond Per the Department of Juvenile Justice, the juvenile was released to a parent.

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!

Hernando County Crime Stoppers can be reached by phone at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or **TIPS from a cell phone.

You may also submit your tip via the internet at <u>http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com</u>.

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 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 was re-elected in 2020. Sheriff Nienhuis remains accountable to the people of Hernando County.