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## Media Release

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

Re: Two Arrested for Felony Retail Theft – 2024-00134309

Date: April 16, 2024

On 04-15-24 just after noon, Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the Rural King, located at 2468 Commercial Way in Spring Hill, regarding a theft in progress.

The caller reported two males actively stealing power tools from the store and provided a vehicle description of the car they were loading the tools into.

As units were responding to the store, a unit in the area observed a vehicle, matching the description of the one provided, leaving the Rural King parking lot.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle on Commercial Way.

Upon speaking with the driver and passenger, both denied having any involvement in stealing power tools from Rural King.

The driver and passenger were both cooperative with deputies and opened the trunk of the vehicle. Inside the trunk, deputies observed Milwaukee and Dewalt power tools, in unopened boxes.

Both individuals told deputies they worked in construction and were attempting to return the tools.

Deputies proceeded to Rural King to speak with staff and review surveillance footage. Surveillance footage confirmed the suspects (driver and passenger) did in fact steal the power tools from the store. The total value of the items stolen was \$1,485.70. Both suspects, from Citrus County, were placed under arrest and charged as follows:

### Brandon Smith DOB/07-04-1986

- Felony Retail Theft
- Bond \$2,000

### Reshon Addison DOB/08-26-1994

- Felony Retail Theft
- Bond \$2,000.

#### 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!