

### — SHERIFF — Al Nienhuis

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# <u>Media Release</u>

### From: Michael Terry Deputy PIO, 352-797-3608

Re: Tips Generated from HCSO Facebook Post Leads to Arrest of Teen 'Kick-In' Burglary Suspects– 2024-00172258

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With tips provided by residents who follow the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, two juvenile males were recently identified and arrested on multiple counts of Burglary of a Dwelling.

Over the last two weeks, deputies in Spring Hill have taken four reports where during the early morning hours unknown individuals walked up to the front door of a residence and kicked the door causing damage. In some cases, the impact from the kicks caused the door to fly open.

# The two suspects were identified as Brody Abdon DOB/09-12-2008 and Gavyn Trapp DOB/03-17-2009.

Post Miranda both suspects, who live in walking distance of the four reported incidents, admitted to kicking the front doors of all four homes.

Brody told detectives they kicked the doors in response to a trend they observed on social media called the "Door Kick Challenge." He further advised they never intended to make entry into any of the homes.

Following questioning both Brody and Gavyn were arrested on four counts of **Burglary of a Dwelling**.

They were transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where after processing they released into the custody of their parents as directed by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

"This situation was exceptionally dangerous on several levels," said Sheriff Al Nienhuis. "First, there was a very good possibility that these young men could have been shot and killed by a homeowner lawfully defending the household. Second, if this occurred, the homeowner would have been burdened with the fact he or she killed two teenagers who were participating in a stupid activity."

#### 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!