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Media Release

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Re: Sheriff Announces the Passing of Detention Deputy

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It is with profound sadness that Sheriff Al Nienhuis announces the unexpected passing of one of our own, Detention Deputy Caroline Schwappach, 34. Deputy Schwappach tragically passed away on 09-12-24.

The men and women of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office are mourning the loss of a dedicated and respected member of our team, who served with commitment and honor.

Sheriff Nienhuis expressed the agency's grief, stating, "We are deeply saddened by the loss of Deputy Schwappach. She was an integral part of our law enforcement family, showing dedication to her duties and upholding the highest standards of professionalism. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, and colleagues during this extremely difficult time."

Deputy Schwappach served the Hernando County Sheriff's Office for just over two years, playing a key role in the operation and security of the detention facility. She was known for her compassion, integrity, and unwavering dedication to both her colleagues and the individuals under her care.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is working closely with the family to provide any support and resources needed.

The family respectfully requests privacy as they grieve this loss.

Counseling services are available to employees grieving the loss of their friend and colleague.