



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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From: Michael Terry  
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Re: LOCATED -- PURPLE ALERT – Missing Endangered Adult – Thomas Scott  
Cunningham – 2024-00300337

Date: December 11, 2024

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**Missing Endangered Adult Thomas Scott Cunningham** has been located safe in New York. Cunningham's warrant is for the state of Florida. Cunningham said he does not plan to return to Florida.

Thank you for all of the tips.

#### **Purple Alert**

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is requesting assistance from our media partners and the community in locating a **MISSING ENDANGERED ADULT**. A Purple Alert has been issued.

**Thomas Scott Cunningham** made irrational statements and comments about committing self-harm prior to leaving the area.

Cunningham has an active Hernando County warrant for Written Threats to Kill. His current whereabouts are unknown.

He was last seen in the Pinellas County area driving a 2021 gray Nissan Rouge bearing Florida tag/03DMNR.

#### **Thomas Scott Cunningham's physical appearance is as follows:**

**Race – White**  
**Sex – Male**  
**DOB – 03-14-1990**  
**Height – 5' 9"**

**Weight – 170**  
**Eyes – Blue**  
**Hair – Brown**

If you have seen Cunningham or know his current whereabouts, please call the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830 or your local law enforcement agency. Please do not attempt to make contact with this individual.

Cunningham meets one or more of the criteria below.

Thank you.



**Thomas Scott Cunningham**

*Purple Alerts are issued for Missing Adults who meet one or more of the criteria listed below.*

- *The individual has a mental or cognitive disability that is not Alzheimer's disease or a dementia-related disorder; an intellectual or developmental disability (brain injury, physical/mental/emotional disability not related to substance abuse, or any combination of these).*
- *The disappearance indicates a credible threat of immediate danger or serious bodily harm to him or herself, as determined by local law enforcement.*
- *The individual cannot be returned to safety without law enforcement intervention.*
- *The individual does not meet the criteria for activation of a local Silver Alert or the Silver Alert Plan of the Department of Law Enforcement.*

*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.*