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<u>Media Release</u>

From: Cpl. Michael Terry Deputy PIO, 352-797-3608

Re: HCSO Investigates Death of Juvenile Female in Ridge Manor

Date: March 28, 2025

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office is actively investigating the death of a juvenile female who is believed to have died as a result of homicidal violence.

On 03-27-2025 at approximately 9:35 a.m., the teenager's body was discovered by a passerby off Ridge Manor Boulevard in Ridge Manor, near Cypress Lake Preserve.

Detectives from the Major Case Unit have been working diligently on the case since the victim's body was located. The victim's next of kin has been notified.

Due to the nature of the investigation no additional details are available at this time.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to call the Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830 and ask to speak to Detective J. Mitro.

If you have information regarding 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 by texting **TIPS from a mobile device.

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

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$5,000 in cash.