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Traffic Crash Involving Detention Deputy

Early this morning, May 17, 2016 at approximately 5:17 AM, James Russo a Sumter County Detention Center Detention Deputy, was in a serious traffic crash in Hernando County. The crash occurred on SR 50 & Lockhart Rd, as he was on his way to work. Russo was airlifted to Bayonet Point Hospital where he remains in critical condition. Russo began his employment with the Sumter County Detention Center as Detention Support Specialist in December of 2013 and has since promoted to a Detention Deputy. Our thoughts and prayers are with Russo and his family during this difficult time. For further details, please contact the Florida Highway Patrol. The family is asking for privacy at this time, please respect their wishes.



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