



MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Marathon City Council

Ref: Monroe County Sheriff's Office
City of Marathon
Monthly Report: May 2021

Dear Council,

May continued to be very busy with tourist and traffic. Deputies responded to over 4,338 calls for service this month. Deputies were able to make 112 arrest and Notice to appear cases and 14 DUI arrest investigations. Traffic continues to be heavy and concentration is for vehicle/pedestrian safety. Due to the issues, traffic stops this month were 608.

No significant crimes or crime trends to report.

Memorial Day Weekend was extremely busy both on land and water. Extra patrols were on hand for speeding/aggressive drivers. No significant accidents or incidents to report.

Crime/Arrest Report:

MCSO21OFF003189: Fraud

Reported: May 8th, 2021

Occurred: Via Facebook

The victim's daughter responded to a Facebook ad for a vacation rental. The victim requested a lease agreement and was provided with instructions to wire \$3,900.00 to Wells Fargo bank account. After the payment was made, the victim received a check-in receipt with all the information to move in on May 8, 2021. The victim arrived at 265 116 street, Marathon and



met with the property owner who confirmed the booking was a fraud. The suspect's phone number has been disconnected and the suspect did not respond to any Facebook messages. Detective Blanton is investigating this case.

MCSO21OFF003528: Vessel Burglary

Reported: May 22nd, 2021

Occurred: Edgewater Lodge

The victim stated that he left his fishing rods/reels inside his boat overnight and returned to his boat to find the rods/reels missing. The stolen property consists of Penn and Shimano gear valued at \$889.00. Video Surveillance footage shows a black sedan occupied by 3 white males entered the parking lot at about 0100 hours. One man went into the boat and took three fishing rods/reels, and gave all them to the other men. They left the property around 0130 hours. Detective Bragg is investigating this case.

MCSO21OFF003509: Grand Theft

Reported: May 21st, 2021

Occurred: 58652 O/S Hwy

The victim placed her coach wallet with several other items in an open closet of her residence, which is under construction. Later that day, she searched for her wallet and was unable to find it. All other items nearby remained undisturbed. The victim did not report any fraudulent activity to her accounts and has followed up with the banking institutions. There are no known witness(es), suspects, video evidence, or physical evidence. This case is pending patrol follow-up

Case Updates

MCSO21OFF003048: Vehicle Burglary

Reported: May 2nd, 2021

Occurred: Steak and Lobster house parking lot

The victim reported that someone had broken the front passenger window and took her small purse from the passenger floor-board. Video surveillance footage from the restaurant did not capture the incident, but there is an audible smash heard at 1741 hours. The victim noticed an unauthorized charge of \$23.21 from the Exxon Gas station at 13155 Overseas Highway, Marathon made on 5/2/2021.

Detective Blanton is investigating this case and has obtained video surveillance footage from the gas station. **Detective Blanton reviewed video surveillance footage from multiple sources to identify the suspect vehicle as a light green Hyundai Sonata. The female driver was identified from prior law enforcement contacts. A BOLO has been created and disseminated.**

MCSO21OFF003060: Aggravated Assault

Reported: May 3rd, 2021

Occurred: Boot Key Harbor

The victim reported that John Ralph Zens attacked him with a machete under the 20th Street Bridge. The victim explained that he was standing on the seawall while Zens threatened him from aboard his dinghy. The victim believes that Zens is jealous over his ex-girlfriend (also a witness). Witnesses to this incident have conflicting testimony. Detective O'Neill is investigating this case.

Detective O'Neill and Detective Bragg interviewed the victim, 2 witnesses, and the suspect. Detective Bragg found probable cause in the testimonial evidence to draft an arrest warrant for Aggravated assault. Detective Bragg also found probable cause to draft an additional arrest warrant for Zens for stalking (DVI violation) against one of the witnesses. **Zens turned himself in and both warrant were served.**

Marine Unit

Very active on the water with multiple citations and arrest for marine violations.

Community involvement

The Sheriff's Office continues to be very active in the community with clean up projects and other volunteer work. Many continue to be active in Chamber, Rotary, and other organizations.

Personnel and Budget:

Currently 4 deputies down. No budget concerns at this time.

Respectfully,Capt. Don Hiller