



# MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## RICHARD A. RAMSAY, SHERIFF

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August 4th, 2021

Marathon City Council

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

Dear Council,

July continued to be very busy with tourist and traffic. Deputies responded to over 4,399 calls for service this month. Deputies were able to make 130 arrest and Notice to appear cases and 8 DUI arrest investigations. Traffic continues to be heavy and concentration is for vehicle/pedestrian safety. Due to the issues, traffic stops this month were 672.

No significant crimes or crime trends to report.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July events and Lobster Mini Season in the City was very successful. Extra patrols were conducted for all the boat ramps due to increased activity.

### **Crime/Arrest Report:**

The Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) investigated a total of 24 new cases, in addition to the 20 cases that were carried over. A total of 16 cases were closed. Among those, 11 cases were closed by arrest, 2 cases were unfounded, and 1 case was closed exceptional. 10 arrest warrants were obtained, 2 warrants were served, and 4 search warrants were obtained.



**MCSO21OFF004596: Auto Theft**

**Reported: July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

**Occurred: 13357 O/S Hwy**

The victim reported her 2002 Silverado (no engine) stolen from a storage lot. The vehicle was last seen on the lot during the week of 6/21. The LPR shows the stolen vehicle's tag southbound on 6/21 at 0217 hours. Detective Blanton is investigating this case.

**MCSO21OFF005055: Grand Theft**

**Reported: July 19, 2021**

**Occurred: Tarpon Harbor**

The victim reported a 50cc Yamaha MC taken from under his residence along with a FL DL and Bank of America Debit and Business cards taken from parked vehicle. A BOLO for the MC was sent out and it was entered into FCIC/NCIC as stolen. Deputy Rufin is investigating this case.

**MCSO21OFF005031: Vessel Theft**

**Reported: July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Occurred: Sea Dog Charters**

The victim reported his 13 foot Boston Whaler with 20 HP Yamaha outboard stolen from the marina, having occurred overnight. The vessel has been entered into F/NCIC as stolen. Detective Blanton is investigating this case. A BOLO has been created and disseminated. The vessel has not yet been recovered. There are no known suspect(s) or witness(s). This case is pending video surveillance footage.

**MCSO21OFF005026: Grand Theft**

**Reported: July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Occurred: 19 Sombrero Blvd.**

A witness reported two men stealing the trim tabs from his friend's boat. The witness questioned and photographed the men, and then contacted the boat owner, who contacted the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Douthirt responded and identified the suspects as Robert Dunham and Jesse Rice. Dunham stated that Rice told him to remove the trim tabs. Rice claimed the opposite. Both were arrested and charged with grand theft.

**MCSO21OFF005022: Simple Assault**

**Reported: July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Occurred: Captain Pip's Marina**

Deputies responded to a report of three men fighting in front of the main building. The victim stated that a night drinking with Robert Aubuchon and Dustin Levi Huss led to an argument between them, which resulting in the victim being chased by Dustin and Robert around the complex, witnessed by the victim's wife. Robert told deputies that he threaten to kick the victim's ass and proceeded to chase him. Dustin told deputies that he decided to back up his brother (Robert) when Robert called for him.

Deputy Guerra is investigating this case and is preparing arrest warrants for Dustin and Robert pending video surveillance footage. Warrants issued and 1 served.

**MCSO21OFF005001: Warrant arrest/weapon offense/credit card offense**

**Reported: July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Occurred: US1 54MM**

District 4/5 deputies responded to A BOLO, aired by Monroe County Sheriff's Office Dispatch for a purple Hyundai Elantra southbound on SR-5 from the 86 mile marker. The registered owner, Dwayne Ritchie, had an active felony warrant for DV battery. Deputies stopped the vehicle at the 54MM and arrested Ritchie on the outstanding warrant. During the search incident to arrest of Ritchie, a fictitious New York Driver's license was located in his wallet.

During the inventory of the vehicle, a loaded firearm (Taurus G3 9mm handgun), was located in the center console. A criminal history check of Ritchie showed he was a convicted felon. Deputies also observed a large number of credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express).

Detective Bragg responded to the scene. A search warrant, obtained and executed for the vehicle, revealed the following:

1 Embossing credit card machine, 1 digital printer for credit cards, 1 box of 500 blank PVC credit cards, 2 credit card scanners, 2 additional counterfeited and fictitious driver's licenses, 18 fraudulent credit/debit cards with the card holder names and assigned account number not matching the coded name and account number on the magnetic strip, and 5 physical credit/debit cards not in Ritchie's name, where the card holder names and account number are on the card but the magnetic strip had been cleared of data for the purpose to be recoded.

In addition to the initial charges, Detective Bragg charged Dwayne Ritchie with traffic in or possess counterfeit credit cards by being in physical possession of 18 fraudulent credit/debit cards with the card holder names and assigned account number not matching the coded name and account number on the magnetic strip, Possession and transfer of credit-card-making equipment (4 Counts) by possessing and having custody of credit-card-making equipment with intent that such equipment be used in the production of counterfeit credit cards, Unlawful Possession of a stolen Credit/Debit Card (5 Counts) by knowingly possessing 5 credit or debit cards of another without the cardholder's consent and with the intent to impede the recovery of the credit or debit card by the cardholder, Possession of Counterfeited Driver's License or Identification Card (3 Counts) by knowingly having in his possession 3 fictitious and counterfeited driver's licenses, Possession of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony by possessing a loaded Taurus 9MM handgun while committing multiple felonies.

### **MCSO21OFF004990: Residential Burglary**

**Reported: July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Occurred: Crystal Cove Apartment**

Deputies responded to report of an unknown man barricaded in the victim's bathroom. Deputies identified the suspect as Jesus Roche, who admitted that he entered the house. Roche was recently arrested for battery against the victim at her residence and was issued a restraining order. Deputy VanHoose found that Roche burglarized the victim's home for the purpose of stalking her. Roche was arrested and charged with burglary and obstruction.

**MCSO21OFF004939: Criminal Mischief**

**Reported: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Occurred: Isla Bella**

Isla Bella security reported that a dark green Ford F350 was performing donuts in front of the resort and then drove down Knights Key Blvd toward E. Kyle Way, parking at 3 E. Kyle Way.

Two witnesses described the driver.

Deputies located the suspect completely covered in fresh mud and grass. Contact was made with the registered owner of the truck, Christian L. Pangborn, who was walking away from the truck, along with Johann Human. Human denied being in the truck and stated he was inside 3 E. Kyle Way prior to law enforcement's arrival. Pangborn refused to give a statement and matched the description provided by both witnesses. Damage to the grass was estimated to be \$6,000-\$7,000 by Isla Bella's landscape company.

Detective O'Neill investigated this case. An arrest warrant was issued for Christian L. Pangborn, for Criminal Mischief over \$1000.00. This case is pending warrant service.

**MCSO21OFF005178: Domestic Battery**

**Reported: July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021**

**Occurred: Skip Jacks**

Deputies responded to a report of a domestic in progress, whereupon they observed the suspect, George Yeatman, holding the victim back from answering deputies at the door and also punching the victim. The victim finally broke away and Yeatman stood in the doorway, refusing deputies commands. Yeatman punched Deputy Marino as Deputy Marino attempted to restrain him. As they fought to the ground, Yeatman tried to pull on Deputy Marino's firearm. Yeatman was eventually handcuffed and arrested. He was charged with False imprisonment, Battery on LEO, Resisting with and w/out violence, and domestic battery.

**MCSO21OFF005109: Grand Theft Auto****Reported: July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021****Occurred: 7 Mile Bridge**

Deputies responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at which time the victim also spotted his stolen vehicle driving northbound on the 7 mile bridge towards Marathon. Upon stopping the vehicle, deputies identified four juvenile suspects, including the victim's son. The victim declined to press charges. The driver was given a criminal citation for driving w/out a license. All juveniles were released to their parents and the vehicle was released to the victim. Case closed.

**MCSO21OFF005349: Grand Theft Auto****Reported: July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021****Occurred: Muffler Man**

The victim left his 2009 red Jeep Wrangler parked in front of the Muffler Man for service. The keys were left in the vehicle. The Jeep has no doors, chrome rimes, a chrome grill, and KC lights on top. Presently, there are no LPR hits since it was stolen. Deputies did not locate any operational video surveillance equipment at or near Muffler Man. There are no known suspect(s) or witness(s). The vehicle has been entered in to F/NCIC as stolen and a BOLO has been disseminated. Detective Blanton is investigating this case.

**Marine Unit**

All District 4/5 CIU detectives were busy during lobster mini season, enforcing marine resource laws. Detectives conducted a total of 87 vessel stops, 183 resource inspections, and issued 12 criminal resource notices to appear in court.

**Deputy Willy Guerra**

45 hrs on the water  
65 stops 1 diver down

**Other arrest****2 lobster/ fish violation arrest****Resource citations****6 resource NTA**

Resource checks 85



*with 7 undersized 5 over the limit*

*case 21off5285 11 spiny lobster*



*short spiny lobster*

*Case 21off5283 over the limit and*



Subject Ming Horng Yin D.O.B

12/04/1968 from Miami springs Florida. The Goliath was removed from the ice cooler and released back to the ocean ALIVE. BWC A00545



*Cuban chug removed from Sombrero Beach.*



**Community involvement**





Deputy Szymanski, Deputy Rufin, and Deputy Westerbend donated school supplies to Stanley Switlik Elementary School for the upcoming school year.

**Deputies cleaning up the city.**





**Personnel and Budget:**

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

Respectfully,

Lieutenant Mark Jones