



MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Marathon City Council

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City of Marathon
Monthly Report: July 2022

Dear Council,

July was again a very busy and active month. Deputies responded to over 5,256 calls for service this month. Deputies still were able to make 152 arrest and Notice to appear cases and 8 DUI investigations. Extra patrols produced 709 traffic stops this month. All deputies were active in all areas this month.

Numerous refugee arrivals, water emergency responses and Boot Key harbor patrols were conducted this month. Several events were completed during this month. 4th of July celebration, Brew B Que, the Boot Key Bridge jump and lobster mini season kept us all very busy

Marathon Deputies continue to make an impact in our community with local clean ups and community projects.

No significant crimes or crime trends to report.



Crime/Arrest Report:

MCSO22OFF005529- Aggravated Stalking-Intimidation. 1585 Yellowtail Avenue. 12 days after pleading on his previous felony charges for stalking and threats, Pierson Burton sent repeated threatening text messages to Scott Collins detailing ways to hurt Collins' daughter (Burton's ex-gf.) CIU worked with Department of Corrections and arrested Burton at the DOC.

CIU Arrest by Det. Onsgard.

MCSO22OFF005577- Aggravated Assault. 1902 Yellowtail Avenue. Cameron Wert threatened his grandmother with a bolder after grandmother took his "bong" from his vehicle. Wert also threatened to shoot his grandparents with his gun.

Road Patrol Arrest



Stolen dog returned to owner

A pit bull named Penny that was stolen from its Marathon owner earlier this week was returned Wednesday and the thief was arrested. Todd Alvin McDonald, 59, of Marathon, was charged with petit theft and dealing in stolen property.

The dog's owner told the Sheriff's Office on Sunday her dog got loose at the Marathon Community Park and that McDonald stole it. She stated she saw McDonald at the park while she was looking for her dog and McDonald stated she was neglecting the dog, so he took it and sold it to someone else. Deputies later found McDonald and he admitted to the same.

On Wednesday, a couple living on Boot Key Harbor returned the dog. They stated a man was stating on VHF radio he had a dog that needed to be cared for. The couple took possession of the dog and brought it to the Sheriff's Office station. It was returned to its owner.

McDonald was taken to jail.



Two men arrested for kidnapping Key deer The Sheriff's Office stopped a blue Chevrolet hatchback-style vehicle near Mile Marker 56 that was failing to stay in its lane at approximately 1:56 a.m.

Deputies quickly realized why the vehicle was not staying in its lane: An injured Key deer was inside the vehicle on top of a cooler, lawn chairs and other miscellaneous objects.

The two men in the vehicle said they struck the Key deer on U.S. 1 north of the Seven Mile Bridge and initially thought it was dead. That area is not consistent with the known Key deer habitat, specifically Big Pine Key, No Name Key and patches of other areas in the Lower Keys.

The men stated they initially thought the deer was dead but realized the deer was still alive, so they decided to take it to a veterinarian in Miami for treatment. Both men stated they never called 911, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The men who admitted to putting the deer in the vehicle were arrested.

The FWC charged Yoankis Hernandez Pena, 38, and Andres Leon Valdes, 45, with cruelty to animals and taking, possessing or selling a federally designated endangered or threatened species.

Couple arrested for stealing dog; blackmailing owner

A Miami couple was arrested for stealing a Marathon couple's French Bulldog and demanding \$1,000 for its return. Reinier Fuentes, 33, and Lilianne Dominguez, 26, were charged with grand theft, dealing in stolen property and use of a two-way communication device to facilitate a felony.

The female victim notified the Sheriff's Office on June 25 that she was receiving texts from unknown persons demanding money for the safe return of her husband's female French Bulldog/service dog, Sailor.

She stated the dog had gotten out of her house earlier that day. She began canvassing the 5th Avenue neighborhood and posting on Facebook with no luck. A short time later she began receiving phone calls

and texts from the suspects, later identified as Fuentes and Dominguez, stating they had the dog. The suspects demanded \$1,000 for the dog's safe return. They agreed to meet in Miami on June 26 for the exchange. Sheriff's Office Detectives then notified Miami-Dade Police of the incident. The suspects sent the female victim several texts on June 26, changing locations and claiming they wanted to keep the dog. The female victim stated she would pay whatever the price and the suspects instructed her to meet them at Dadeland Mall with the \$1,000 or she would never see the dog again.

Fuentes and Dominguez were stopped at Dadeland Mall by Miami-Dade Police. Sailor was returned to its owners unharmed.

Marine unit:



A 51-year-old Houston, Texas man was arrested Wednesday for harvesting protected queen conch. Tony Ngoc Truong was charged with harvesting queen conch. Truong was walking out of the water with a 5-gallon bucket that contained the conch. The queen conch were returned to the water alive



A 38-year-old Miami man was given a mandatory notice to appear in court citation Sunday for possessing undersized and over-the-limit mangrove snapper. Marine Deputy Willie Guerra was on a patrol near the Vaca Cut Bridge in Marathon when he observed a man fishing under the bridge, identified as Dimitry Perez Oduardo.

He was in possession of 16 mangrove snappers with six measuring under the 10-inch limit. Florida law allows only five mangrove snapper per harvester.

Community involvement:



Deputy Foster with a future Deputy.



Deputies playing football with kids at the beach during the 4th of July.

Personnel and Budget:

Currently 2 deputy down.

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No budget concerns at this time.

Respectfully,

Capt. Don Hiller