

MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RICHARD A. RAMSAY, SHERIFF

October 2, 2022

Marathon City Council

Ref: Monroe County Sheriff's Office

City of Marathon

Monthly Report: September 2022

Dear Council,

September was again a very busy and active month. Deputies responded to over 5,958 calls for service this month. Deputies made 148 arrest and Notice to appear cases and 8 DUI investigations. Extra patrols produced 720 traffic stops this month. All deputies were active in all areas this month.

Refugee arrivals continue several times a week. Hurricane Ian came close to Marathon and still had impacts on our community. Hurricane plans were activated and there were no injuries and no loss of City/County Sheriff's Office property.

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.



5525 COLLEGE ROAD KEY WEST, FL 33040





Crime/Arrest Report:

Damian Suarez was investigated for evidence tampering and official misconduct in reference to his involvement in the Trauma Star case. A warrant was obtained and Damian turned himself in. CASE CLOSED WITH ARREST.

MCSO22OFF005869: Narcotics, Reported July 26, 2022, Occurred: 10100 O/S Hwy

MCFD requested an investigation into an employee altering the controlled substance log to cover their personal use. Currently working with MCFD to determine the totality of the criminal activity which occurred. Arrest warrant for Lynda Rusinowski obtained. Investigation ongoing for other potential subjects. LYNDA RUSINOWSKI ARRESTED. *ONGOING INVESTIGATION*.

Marialauren Romero and Ruben Toro Huete were found in possession of Heroin, cocaine, marijuana, magic mushrooms and sales equipment. CLOSED WITH ARRESTS.

MCSO22OFF007267: Suspicious Person, Reported September 13, 2022 Occurred: Marathon area

Roger France, homeless, had been generating a large number of calls since moving to the area. Upon checking Roger's CCH his was found to be a convicted felon and had not registered despite being here for over two months. CLOSED WITH ARREST.

MCSO22OFF007604 – DUI – SR-5 NB @ 52MM: Joshua Vondersaar was driving erratic then began driving NB in SB lane, vehicle stopped after driving over median. Arrested for DUI, DUI Refusal, and Refusal to sign citation. MCSO22OF007166-Autumn K. Bennett (DOB: 9/21/1996)-US1/29 Street-Autumn arrested for possession of mushrooms, psilocybin edibles, THC chips and THC oil.

MCSO22OFF007280 – Reckless: SR-5 NB @ 55th St. Observed by 5210 traveling over posted speed limit and failure to maintain lane. Charles F. Berardi III placed in custody for DUI, refused to provide breath sample. Transported to KW Jail. Vehicle towed.

MCSO22OFF007609: (Kidnapping / Child Neglect) Zita Gasperik was taken into custody for Kidnapping and Child Neglect for taking a 16 month old girl from her mother and left the Fairfield Inn & Suites property without permission or notification to supervisors. When Gasperik was stopped on a traffic stop, the child was sitting in her lap and not properly secured in a car seat. Zita was taken into custody and the driver was issued a citation for not having the child properly secured in a car seat. Closed ARREST.

Marine unit:



Sgt. Slough and Dep. Willie Guerra removed a derelict vessel from the waters.



Over the limit and short arrest



Community involvement:



• C Shift attends and hands out MCSO swag to children at Sombrero Beach's Beat the Heat as well as posing with City Marathon Mayor John Bartus.

Brenda Hill and Sgt. Hill volunteered at the city park, cooking up food for the kids.





• Deputies Diaz, Mortenson, and Sgt Johnson attend Kid's Day on 62nd Street.



Deputies Mompoint, Mortenson, and Sgt Johnson attend Station 14's 9/11 Ceremony.

Personnel and Budget:

Currently 2 deputy down.

No budget concerns at this time.

Respectfully,

Capt. Don Hiller