



# MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Marathon City Council

Ref: Monroe County Sheriff's Office  
City of Marathon  
Monthly Report: January 2023

Dear Council,

January was a very busy and active month. Deputies responded to over 5,697 calls for service this month. Deputies were able to make 64 arrest and Notice to appear cases and 10 DUI investigations. Numerous accidents and pedestrian accidents continue to be a huge issue throughout the Keys. Extra patrols produced traffic stops this month that totaled 651. Our agency annual inspection was completed in January with City Manager Garrett, Mayor Gonzalez and Vice Mayor Still attending.

Planning is currently underway for the Marathon Seafood Festival and the 7 Mile Bridge Run.

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

No significant crimes to report but a crime trend we are seeing is Fraud. Mail is being stolen/intercepted and deposited into other accounts. Several arrest have been made and our investigation is continuing.



## **Crime/Arrest Report:**

**MCSO23OFF000227 – Grand theft/Burglary.** Suspects Josiah Williams and Sergio Jimenez both were involved with stealing an electric bicycle from Crystal Cove apartments. Upon arrival Deputy Gardner gathered initial information along with a picture of the stolen bike. Shortly after the photo was sent out Deputy Ouellette spotted the bicycle being held by both Josiah and Sergio. Both subjects fled from Deputy Ouellette. Sgt Slough, Deputy Gardner and Deputy Ouellette set a perimeter and both subjects were found shortly after.

**MCSO23OFF000366 – (Grand Theft) (CIU Arrest)** Elvis Ruiz reported a boat he was working on was stolen from his house in Marathon. After investigation was concluded, the boat was not stolen, it never enter Monroe County. The boat was found in Miami Dade involved in Smuggling. Elvis was arrested for falsifying a report to LEO.

**MCSO22OFF008593 (Warrant Service)** Diane Scott was arrested on Monroe County Warrant for Harassing Calls (PK CIU Warrant / \$2,500 Bond). Scott was causing a disturbance at City Hall and decision was made to arrest there. Once informed she claimed chest pains and transported to Fishermans. Cleared by Fishermans and transported to Key West Jail. Closed ARREST.

**MCSO23OFF000239 (Medical Emergency)** CPR performed on 96 year old male (Eugene Wambold) who collapsed on the Monroe County Transit Bus. CPR efforts were successful in conjunction with care provided by Station 14. Wambold airlifted to Baptist Main.

**MCSO23OFF000447 (Domestic Disturbance)** Emilio Gerlot taken into custody for Assault, 2 counts of Battery, 2 counts of Aggravated Battery, Domestic Battery by Strangulation, and Resisting without Violence for an initial verbal altercation which turned physical. Closed ARREST.

**MCSO23OFF000805 (Traffic Stop / DUI)** On 01/29/2023 While just coming on duty, Deputy Mortenson stopped a vehicle for speed (71 MPH in a 45 MPH zone) and failure to maintain lane. Driver, Brian Blair performed SFSE's and was placed under arrest for DUI by Deputy Mortenson. Brian provided two breath samples, .149 and .146. Closed ARREST.

**MCSO23OFF000645 (Narcotics Investigation)** On 01/23/2023 Deputy Mortenson responded to the area of US-1 and Seadell Motel with Deputy Diaz and Sergeant Johnson for a warrant service where Terrence Ennis was observed. Deputy Mortenson handcuffed Terrence who was ultimately placed under arrest for his warrant by Deputy Diaz. Upon search incident to arrest, Deputy Mortenson located a pill capsule Terrence had hidden in his shirt sleeve that contained 0.7 grams of FTP cocaine. Deputy Mortenson charged Terrence with Possession of Cocaine. Closed ARREST.

**MCSO23OFF000662 (Business Burglary)** On 01/24/2023 Deputy Mortenson responded to 7 Mile Grill reference a business burglary that occurred the night prior. The manager Joshua Francisco showed video of Benigno Cruz Torres entering the restaurant through a back gate and stealing 12 bottles of Budweiser beer out of the refrigerator and placing them in his backpack before leaving. Deputy Mortenson was able to identify Benigno from prior law enforcement contact. Within 30 minutes, Deputy Mortenson and Deputy Mompont located Benigno Cruz Torres and Deputy Mortenson arrested him for Burglary and Petit Theft. Benigno still had 7 bottles of Budweiser beer in his backpack that were returned to 7 Mile Grill. Closed ARREST.

## **Community involvement**





Squad formal inspection



Deputy Aguanno Received The Masonic First Responder Award from the Marathon Masonic Lodge 323.



Sgt Johnson along with Deputies Mompoin, Dully, Mortenson, and Diaz donate food, treats, and litter to the Marathon Animal Shelter.

### **Personnel and Budget:**

Currently 4 deputies in training and scheduled for release this month. No budget concerns at this time.

Respectfully,

Capt. Don Hiller