



# MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## RICHARD A. RAMSAY, SHERIFF

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Marathon City Council

Re: Monroe County Sheriff's Office  
City of Marathon  
Monthly Report: October 2024

This month, District 4/5 deputies maintained a high level of activity conducting 696 traffic stops, issuing 283 citations, and making several DUI arrests. Our criminal enforcement efforts included multiple physical arrests and notices to appear, addressing a variety of offenses.

We are pleased to report significant progress in addressing prior concerns on 20th Street. Focused enforcement and increased patrols have led to a measurable decrease in calls for service in the area. The initiatives led by Sgt. O'Neill and Sgt. Slough have enhanced visibility and enforcement, effectively curbing criminal activity.

Our night shift teams continued high-visibility enforcement, resulting in multiple arrests for illegal dumping, which has been a persistent issue. These efforts have directly contributed to improving both cleanliness and security in the district.

The Criminal Investigations Unit maintained a case clearance rate of 53%, resulting in multiple arrests and successful search warrants, further emphasizing their diligent work.

Deputies also engaged in community outreach programs, strengthening relationships with residents and promoting safety awareness. Additionally, comprehensive training sessions ensured our teams remain prepared to respond effectively to diverse situations.

We are proud of our continued progress in enhancing safety and quality of life for our residents and visitors and remain committed to serving our community at the highest standard.



## Crime/Arrest Report:

MCSO24OFF007225: Theft in Progress - Race Trac 3896 Overseas Hwy-  
Iran Lazo-Gonzales stole 4 Beers, Race trac did not want to press charges, but was Trespassed from the property. Iran was arrested for false identification to Law Enforcement

MCCO24OFF007307: Illegal Dumping (20th Street)

The suspect, Abelardo Castro Silva, had trash all around his tent. He was arrested for littering over 15lbs.

MCSO24OFF007819: Stolen Vehicle (First Baptist Church)

Penske rental box truck rented from Orlando on 10/16/2024 due back 10/19/2024. Penske attempted contact with the renter Crystal Bates with no return. Penske sent demand letter for return of the vehicle on 10/25. Vehicle impounded on 10/28. Bates given NTA for expired license over 6 months. Stolen vehicle report sent to state attorney.

MCSO24OFF007494: Publix (Petit Theft 2nd Degree)

Deputy Diaz investigated a theft of several food items at the Publix grocery store which releveled Jaos Szoke to be the suspect. Deputy Diaz interviewed the suspect, created a warrant affidavit and placed Szoke in custody.

MCSO24OFF007520: Theft AT&T

Deputy Diaz investigated a petit theft which revealed Daniel St. Patrick Morin as the suspect. Deputy Diaz interviewed the suspect and obtained a confession. Ultimately business no longer wanted to pursue criminal charges, non pros signed

MCSO24OFF007577: Traffic Stop / Flee & Elude(125th Street)

Deputy was assisting the Narcotics team with an investigation when a traffic stop was conducted on Johnnie Leatherwood after attempting to approach the vehicle, he fled the traffic stop which turned into a pursuit. Leatherwood stopped the vehicle and was arrested for large quantity of narcotics.

MCSO24OFF007356: Resource Check (Channel 2 Bridge)

Alejandro Miranda was fishing and in possession of 2 undersized Mutton Snapper and an undersized Red Grouper. Alejandro was issued a criminal citation.

## Zone Improvements/Community Involvement:



Trunk or Treat at Gulfside Village



Florida Keys Mosquito Control Open House



Halloween at the Fishbowl



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Det. Swire attending her mentee's football game



More Halloween Fun!



Annual Rotary Awards



Crane Point Museum Event



Clean up on 53rd Street

## Training:



Overview of our newly issued medical bags



K9 and vehicle searches



Speed measurement



Red dot course

## Resource Investigations:



Deputies Guerra and Guardinu staying busy with resource cases and investigations

Respectfully,

*Lieutenant David Fernandez*

Station Commander

Monroe County Sheriff's Office