

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

March 25th, 2025

Marathon City Council

Re:

Monroe County Sheriff's Office City of

Marathon

Monthly Report: March 2025

#### Dear Council:

Enclosed is the District 4/5 March Monthly Report. This month activity has increased in several categories including Calls for

The district conducted 891 traffic stops issuing 389 traffic citations. DUI arrests increased from last month with a total of 15. In total the district completed 143 Field Intel Reports. Additional, the district continued it's commitment to community involvement through events and clean-up efforts.

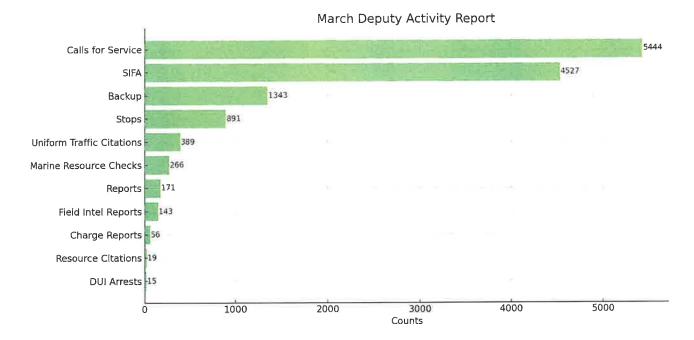
Detectives ended the month with a 27% clearance rate. The unit investigated multiple complex fraud and theft cases, including a real estate fraud involving a fictitious property sale in which over \$185,000 was wired. Investigative efforts resulted in the recovery of over \$130,000 with additional funds pending seizure through search warrants. Another case involving an altered check to the arrest of a suspect on multiple felony charges including fraud, grand theft, and identity theft. An arrest warrant was also obtained in a contractor fraud case involving a \$16,000 payment for unfulfilled marine construction work.

There were no major incidents reported in the district this month. Deputies have remained proactive in addressing community concerns adhering to the Sheriff's philosophy of community involvement and ensuring cleaner, safer streets. Efforts in school zones and traffic enforcement have been sustained, further supporting our goal of enhancing public safety and maintaining community trust.





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#### Crime/Arrest Report:

MCSO25OFF001860— A traffic stop was conducted on a truck with a hazardous fender that was about to come lose. During the stop, she found the juvenile driver and registered owner of vehicle to have a suspended FLDL for non-compliance school attendance, along with a seizure of 25.5 grams of FTP marijuana, (2) FTP THC resin/oil vapes, a small container of FTP concentrated THC wax, and multiple nicotine vapes. Juvenile was charged with all narcotics and paraphernalia, and released to parents after processing (4) felony charges and (1) misdemeanor at KWJ.

MCSO25OFF001956 - Deputies investigated a time-delayed petit theft case, efficiently and successfully identifying the suspect through surveillance footage and utilizing CAD call history of prior MCSO encounters resulting in a warrant.

MCSO25OFF001 Marioli Rodriguez was placed in custody for Fraud – Hire a Vehicle with Intent to Defraud, after hiring a taxicab to transport her from Key West to Faro Blanco Resort in Marathon, then unable to pay for the fare of \$350.00.

MCSO25OFF002142: Burglary/Petit Theft— 5 juveniles went onto Lions Lair Travel Park in Grassy Key one took oats out of the back of a golf cart and others took bait out of several live bait containers. Possible warrant in progress, Investigation ongoing.

MCSO25OFF001700- Traffic stop/ Narcotics investigation- Paul Edwin Hopt DOB: 12/05/1967 was charged of possession of 3.3g meth and paraphernalia.

MCSO25OFF001689: Resource Check—Tom's Harbor Channel. - Jacob Vesche illegally Harvested an angelfish without a Restricted species license. Jacob was issued a criminal citation.

MCSO25OFF001521: Vessel stop—Sombrero beach - John Bradley Forsyth was found in possession of 3 undersized lobster and was issued a criminal citation.

## Training:





Deputies attending a Tactical Medical Service Training

Felony Traffic Stop Training

#### **Community Involvment:**



Career Day at Marathon High School



Detective Aguanno and his Trainee Deputy Padron, Assisted Mosquito Control in cleaning up an abandoned camp site.



Great Turnout at the Seafood Festival



Meeting with residents of Boot Key.



Always willing to help.



Covering up Graffiti on a vacant home.





loose dog relocated with owners,





Supporting the 'MHS Champions for Change' fundraising.





Deputy Guiardinu stayed busy with multiple resource checks.



Great pro-active policing.



Helping out at the St. Columbia Episcopal Church.

### Personnel and Budget:

No budget concerns to report.

Respectfully,

Lieutenant David Fernandez Station Commander Monroe County Sheriff's Office