



MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RICHARD A. RAMSAY, SHERIFF

Date: August 25, 2025

To: Marathon City Council

From: Lt. Benjamin Elmore

RE: Monroe County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report July 2025

Dear Council,

Enclosed is the District 4/5 July Monthly Report. Overall activity increased from June, particularly in traffic enforcement and marine resource operations. Staffing levels remained steady with several deputies serving as Field Training Officers (FTOs) throughout the month.

In July, the district conducted 730 traffic stops, issued 267 traffic citations, and completed 45 field intelligence reports. Deputies filed 49 charge reports, completed 35 incident/crash reports, and made 4 DUI arrests. A total of 159 marine resource checks were conducted, showing strong enforcement presence both on land and water for lobster mini-season.

Newly promoted Sgt. Justin Rivas transferred into the district on July 28, filling former Sgt. Cory's vacant position. The district has one pending transfer to District 6 which, when completed, will leave two vacant patrol positions. Det. Swire remains on FMLA.

The CIU unit was assigned 8 new cases, including fraud, identity theft, and grand theft cases. The unit achieved a 32% clearance rate in July. Det. Fricke, Det. Diaz, and Det. Aguanno continued to manage a diverse caseload involving subpoenas, suspect interviews, and coordination with external agencies. Sgt. Askins remained in position providing direct oversight of unit operations and investigative support.

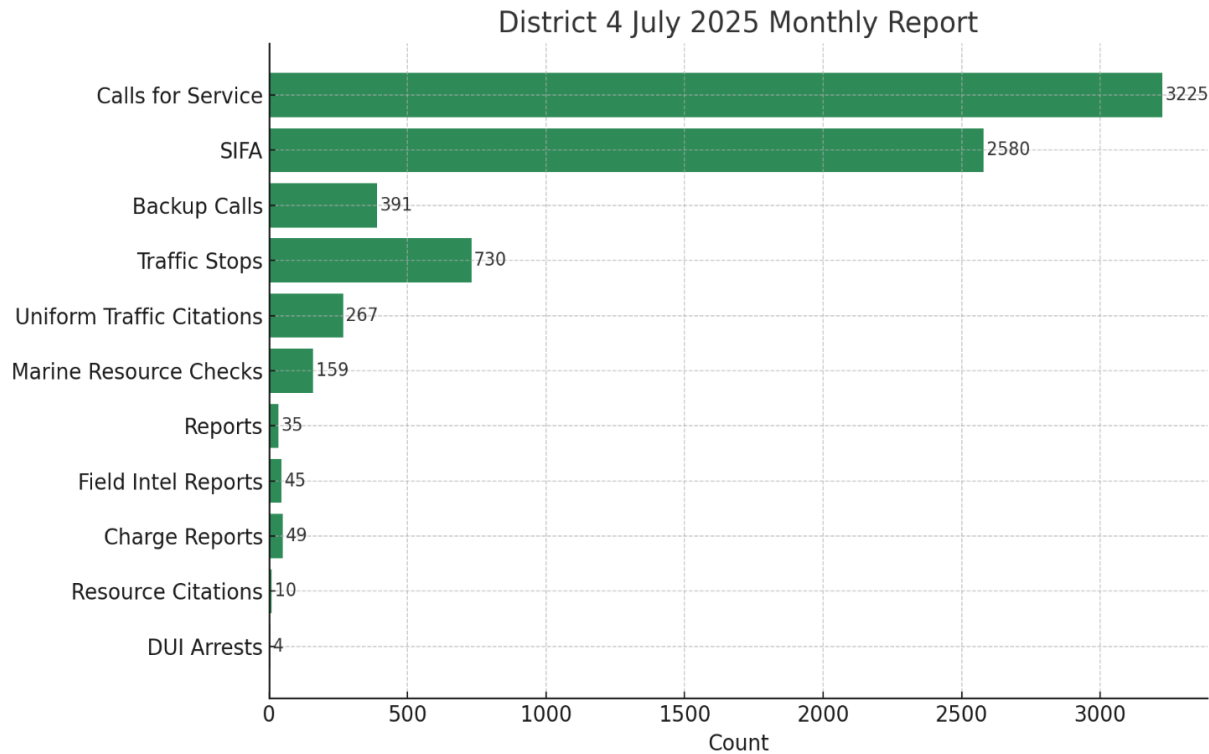
Thank You,

Lieutenant Benjamin Elmore

Station Commander District 4/5 Patrol

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Crime/Arrest Report:

MCSO25OFF004759: Illegal Dumping- John Cadwallader and Abelardo Silva Castro found in a homeless camp north of Coco Plum. Subjects told to pack up and leave. Subjects left majority of their items behind. Cleanup conducted. Both charged with Felony littering. Cadwallader arrested. Silva was picked up by ICE before warrant could be served.

MCSO25OFF004990: Resource Check-Long Key Bridge. Brian De La Torre Cartelle arrested for undersized, over the limit, out of season lobster, wrung in water, and no measuring device.

MCSO25OFF005037: Resource check-Tom's Harbor Channel. Juan Garcia Matinez was actively engaged in spearfishing and harvesting lobster illegally during closed season and found in possession of 9 wrung lobster tails, eight of which were undersized. illegally speared Snook, which was undersized, and out of season. Juan did not possess a measuring device for the lobster, a valid fishing license, lobster license, snook permit, and dive flag, Juan was also over the limit of lobster by 3. He was taken to jail.

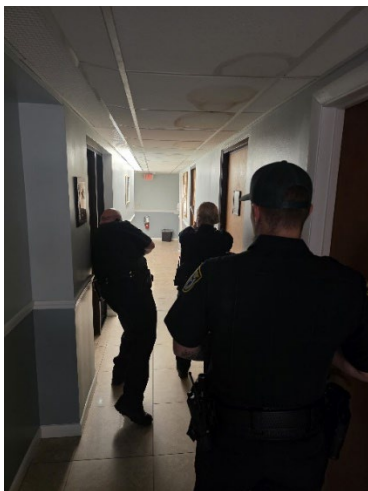
MCSO25OFF005089: Animal cruelty 2 Ave. Gulf, male seen beating dog on a leash, male identified as Benjamin Cook. Cook was arrested for animal cruelty and disorderly conduct. Dog was taken by the ASPCA.

MCSO25OFF005147: Diving Accident- 60MM- MCSO and FWC responded to a snorkeling incident approximately 5.24 miles offshore near the 60-mile marker, Gulfside, involving an unconscious male, Clarence Shawver. MCSO Marine units and SWAT medic performed CPR, male pronounced deceased at Fishermen's Hospital

Training:



Dep. Guiardinu presented a bicycle safety class for children at St. Columbia Episcopal Church.



“C” Squad trained on building searches with new Deputy Leo.

Community Involvement:



Cpt. Paul and Lt. Elmore assisted a motorist with changing a flat tire.



A great turnout to see off retiring FWC Captain Dipre!

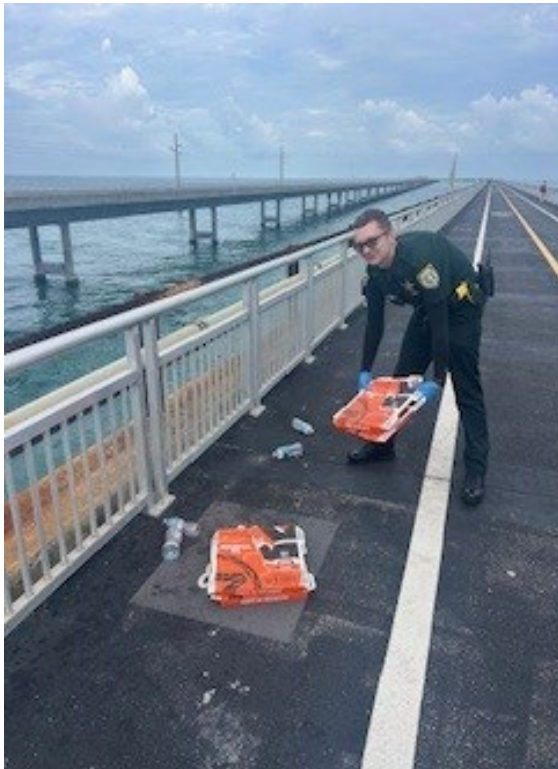


The District welcomed newly promoted Sergeant Justin Rivas. Sgt. Rivas is taking over as the supervisor of "B" shift.





“A” Shift cleaned debris and waste from picnic tables.



Dep. Corlazolli-Capote picked up trash and returned wayward shopping carts in his patrol area!



“C” Squad organized a cleanup of a homeless camp just North of Coco Plum with help from City of Marathon Public Works and FWC.



Dep. Guardinu (left) and Dep. Guerra (right) continue to make excellent resource cases.



Deputies were out in force on land and water for Lobster Mini-Season!