



MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RICHARD A. RAMSAY, SHERIFF

Date: October 20, 2025

To: Marathon City Council

From: Lt. Benjamin Elmore

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

Dear Council,

Enclosed is the District 4/5 September Monthly Report. Calls for service remained consistent compared to August, with deputies maintaining proactive enforcement and community visibility throughout the district. Squads continued to utilize Field Training Officers (FTOs) to guide new deputies while maintaining operational coverage and performance consistency.

In the month of Septembers, District 4/5 Deputies conducted 450 traffic stops, issued 193 citations, and completed 93 field intelligence reports. They filed 54 charge reports, completed 120 incident/crash reports, and made 10 DUI arrests. Marine enforcement included 144 resource checks, resulting in warnings, citations, and continued deterrence of resource violations across high-traffic fishing areas.

The Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) carried 60 active cases and was assigned 10 new cases, for a total of 70 cases worked in September, with a 30% clearance rate. Highlights included major cryptocurrency and financial fraud investigations, including the Bitcoin ATM scam (\$38,900), Weekly Newspaper check fraud (\$10,000), and a Match.com scam (\$177,000+) that was reopened in coordination with the FBI. Det. Fricke attended advanced blockchain and cryptocurrency forensics training, and Det. Aguanno completed the Deception and Detection for Investigators course. Sgt. Askins continued to oversee all CIU operations, warrant drafting, and coordination with federal and state partners.

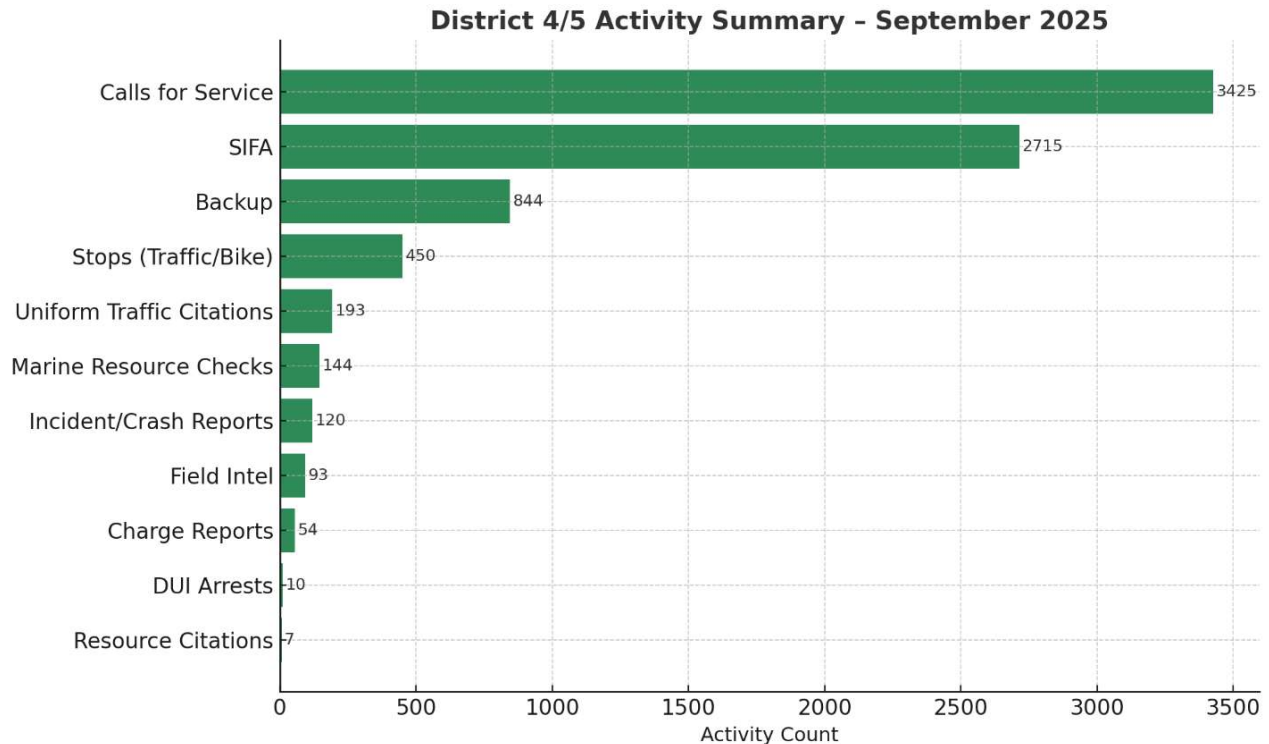
Thank You,

Lieutenant Benjamin Elmore

Station Commander District 4/5 Patrol

Monroe County Sheriff's Office





Crime/Arrest Report:

MCSO25OFF006116: Sgt. Slough investigated an incident involving a Cuban national who has a history of human smuggling. The investigation revealed 8 Cuban nationals were smuggled into Monroe County on a stolen Cuban fishing vessel. The investigation also revealed a person living in Miami traveled to Monroe County to traffic the aliens back to Miami. The investigation resulted in the arrest of two suspects for 8 counts of human smuggling and numerous accessory after the fact charges.

MCSO25OFF006140: Resource Check/Narcotics-Lazaro Soto Martinez (DOB: 4/27/78) Lazaro Martinez was actively engaged in fishing off the Tom's Harbor Channel and found in possession of 2 undersized Black Grouper and an FTP Meth Pipe. Lazaro was placed into custody and transported to KV Jail.

MCSO25OFF06211: Human Trafficking and Grand Theft excess of \$40,000. Sgt. Slough investigated an ongoing incident that occurred over the last 11 months. The victims reported they were trafficked to Marathon by a local resident under the guise of false promises. During the investigation it was discovered the suspect received a large amount of goods and services from the victims with little to no compensation. After meeting the SAO an arrest warrant was obtained for two counts of human trafficking and grand theft. One of the buildings controlled by the suspect was reported to house

illegal aliens. The warrant was served with the assistance of US Border Patrol. A total of 4 illegal aliens including a criminal alien with a history of trafficking in methamphetamines were taken into custody. City of Marathon code compliance was notified of the living conditions.

MCSO25OFF006610: Barricaded subject incident. Investigation resulted in the following charges: Resisting w/ out violence, Burglary unoccupied dwelling, criminal mischief, and threats to LEO. This was team effort with members from Bravo shift and other MCSO members. This incident resulted in no injuries and the suspect being placed in custody without incident. Deputy Vega was the arresting officer.

MCSO25OFF006670: Syed Hamdami was arrested for DUI (BAC:0.100), Fleeing, resisting w/o, reckless driving, super speeder. Dep. Guerrero-Marintez.

Training:



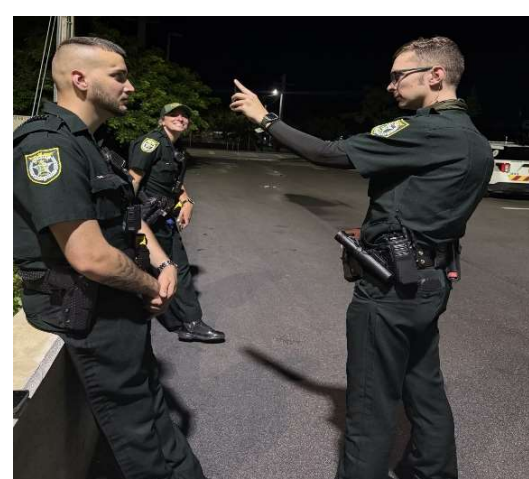
A-Shift Training at the Range



SWAT Training at the Range



DUI SFST Exercise Training



Community Involvement:



Captain Paul Spoke at Marathon Fire's 9-11 Memorial



Rotary Cleanup at Coco Plum Beach



Marathon High School 9-11 Ceremony



Best of Marathon 2025!



Law Enforcement Appreciation at Legion



Coffee with a Cop at Dunkin' Donuts



Active Assailant Presentation at FKEC



Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup 47mm



Cookout with a cop at Key Colony Beach



Deputy Goodman Supporting MHS!



Cleaning up Trash 71mm!



Dep. Rodda with her Mentee



Dep. Vega Jump Started a Car



Marine Violations in September