



MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RICHARD A. RAMSAY, SHERIFF

Date: November 19, 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 October Monthly Report. Calls for service increased notably this month as seasonal traffic and visitor activity began to build, and squads remained proactive in visibility, traffic enforcement, and community engagement.

District 4/5 deputies conducted 588 traffic stops, issued 300 citations, and completed 23 field intelligence reports. They filed 38 charge reports, completed 116 incident/crash reports, and made 5 DUI arrests. Marine enforcement included 153 resource checks, resulting in citations, warnings, and continued deterrence of resource violations across Middle Keys high-activity fishing areas.

The Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) carried between 50–57 active cases during the month and was assigned 6 new cases, for a total of 56 cases worked in October, with a 34% clearance rate. Major investigative activity centered on the Toppinos aggregate theft investigation, with both primary suspects arrested and over 15 additional persons of interest identified, along with 20 mobile device search warrants prepared for State Attorney review. CIU continued to advance complex fraud and cryptocurrency investigations, including Bitcoin ATM schemes, altered check cases, and account takeover identity theft investigations. CIU detectives attended the FLEPRU conference in Orlando, enhancing capabilities in financial crime investigations and digital evidence development as the unit enters November positioned for continued warrant execution, additional suspect identification, and coordinated follow-up with federal and state partners.

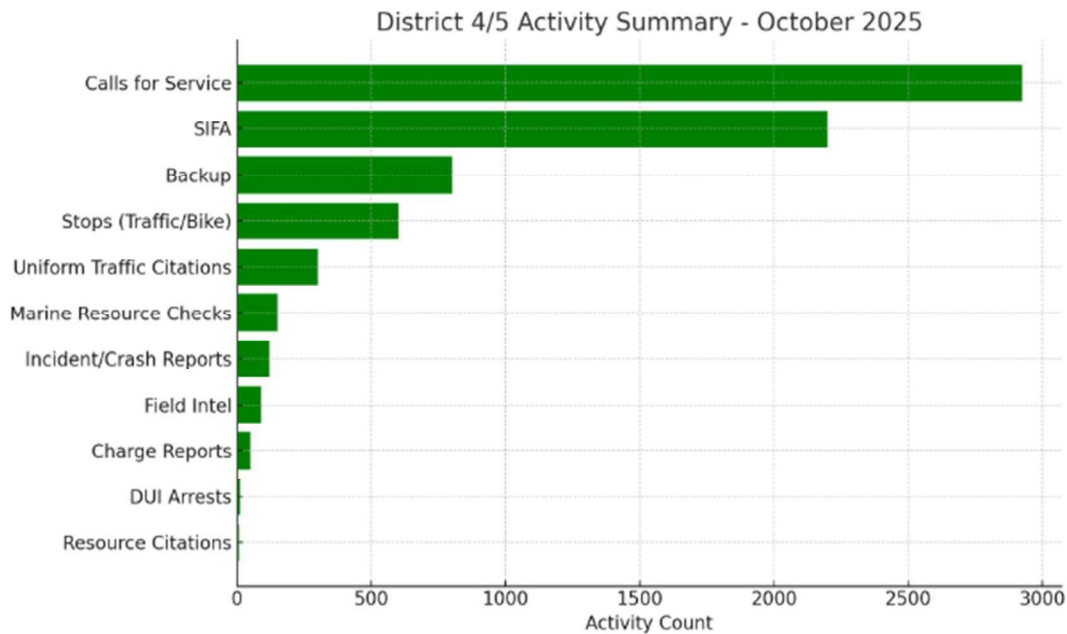
Thank You,

Lieutenant Benjamin Elmore

Station Commander District 4/5 Patrol

Monroe County Sheriff's Office





Crime/Arrest Report:

MCSO25OFF007054: Trespassing. Manuel Ruiz (DOB: 04/21/1982)- Deputies were BOLO'ing for Ruiz due to his possible involvement in damaging campaign signs. He was observed entering onto the Trailorama property where he was known to have an active trespass warning. He attempted to evade LEO for 30 minutes and was eventually located across from Marathon Community Park, where he was arrested and taken to jail.

MCSO25OFF007097: Warrant Service. James Herrero Gamez (DOB: 3/24/1993) - Deputy Gil and Sgt. Rivas assisted Special Operations detectives arrest Gamez who had a warrant for his arrest with the underlying charge of alien smuggling. Gamez was placed into custody and transported to KV jail without incident.

MCSO25OFF007147: DUI. Dep. Guerrero Martinez. Eric Pont was arrested for DUI and had a BAC of .237.

MCSO25OFF7207: Hit-and-Run with Injuries. Deputy Rodda investigated a time-delayed crash after a victim walked up to the substation. By cross-referencing two separate, seemingly unrelated calls for service taken by other deputies, she determined the events were connected and that a hit-and-run with injury had occurred. Follow-up interviews and evidence further indicated a false report to law enforcement was also

committed. Case remains active while additional warrant-supporting evidence is obtained.

MCSO25OFF007290: Petit theft. Yunion Tur Parrado (DOB: 4/15/1987), Deputy Marino and Deputy Roberts investigated the theft of a wallet. Deputies carried out a thorough investigation which resulted in the recovery of the wallet and probable cause for the arrest. Parrado was placed into custody and transported to the KV jail without incident.

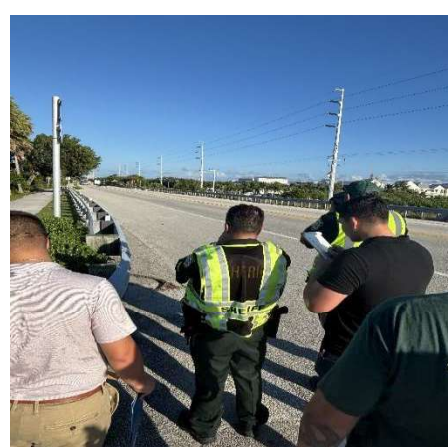
Training:



B Shift Felony Stop Training



Handcuffing Training



Speed Measurement Course

Community Involvement:



Coffee with a Cop



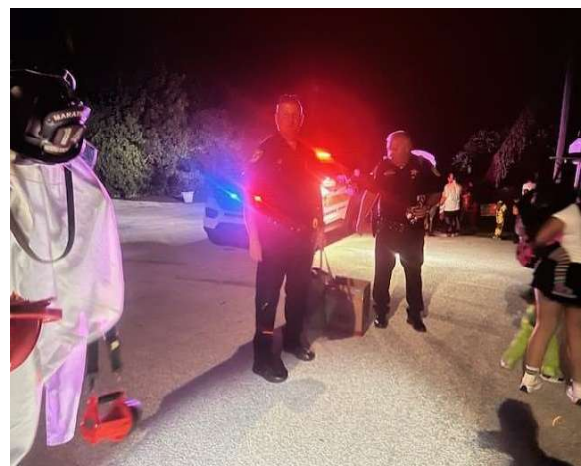
Halloween Event at Sombrero Beach



Red Ribbon Day Proclamation



Keys Hope Walk



Halloween 2025



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Packing Shoeboxes in Layton



Helping a motorist fix a faulty light



Food Drive at Marathon Community Church



Illegal Campsite Cleaned up by Dep. Daniels



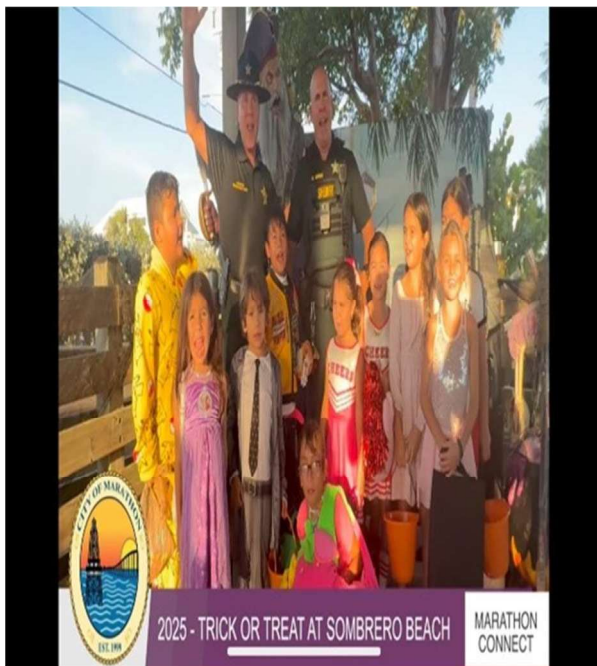
Halloween at Gulfside Village



Assisting with a Tire Change



Halloween at Switlik



Halloween at the Beach-Marine Unit



Marine Violation