



MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RICHARD A. RAMSAY, SHERIFF

Date: February 19, 2026

To: Marathon City Council

From: Lt. Benjamin Elmore

RE: Monroe County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report February 2026

Dear Council,

Enclosed is the District 4/5 February 2026 Monthly Report. District operations remained steady throughout the month with consistent patrol activity, proactive enforcement, and continued engagement with the community. Deputies participated in several community events including the Marathon High School Career Fair, Adopt-A-Highway cleanup efforts, and the Surf Style grand opening. District personnel also continued to support community outreach initiatives and local events throughout the Marathon area.

During February, District 4/5 deputies handled **3,346 calls for service**, including **2,665 self-initiated (SIFA) calls** and **889 backup responses**, reflecting continued proactive patrol activity and strong inter-unit cooperation. Deputies conducted **536 traffic and bike stops** and issued **231 uniform traffic citations**, maintaining high-visibility traffic enforcement throughout the district. Marine operations conducted **97 marine resource checks** and continued regular patrol activity within district waterways. Deputies also completed **92 Field Intelligence Reports**, authored **116 incident and crash reports**, and generated **35 charge reports**. There were **7 DUI arrests** during the month.

District staffing also continued to evolve during February. Deputy Vecino completed Field Training and began his first month assigned to Alpha Squad. Deputy Del Cueto completed phases three and four of the Field Training Program. Delta Squad welcomed Deputy Metzger while experiencing additional personnel movement between shifts. Several deputies and supervisors also continued serving in Field Training Officer roles to support the development of new personnel entering the patrol division.

The Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) closed February with **74 total cases worked**, including **13 new case assignments**, **61 carried over investigations**, and **4 active threat-management cases**, resulting in an overall **24% clearance rate**. Detectives continued to investigate complex financial crimes, property crimes, and injunction violations. Significant investigations included a **\$23,228 organized scheme to defraud involving Castaways Restaurant**, a **\$14,400 equipment theft**



investigation involving interstate coordination, and an Aquarium Encounters burglary and wildlife violation case which resulted in the identification and arrest of suspects. Detectives also advanced multiple cases involving fraud, attempted robbery, and social media-related injunction violations.

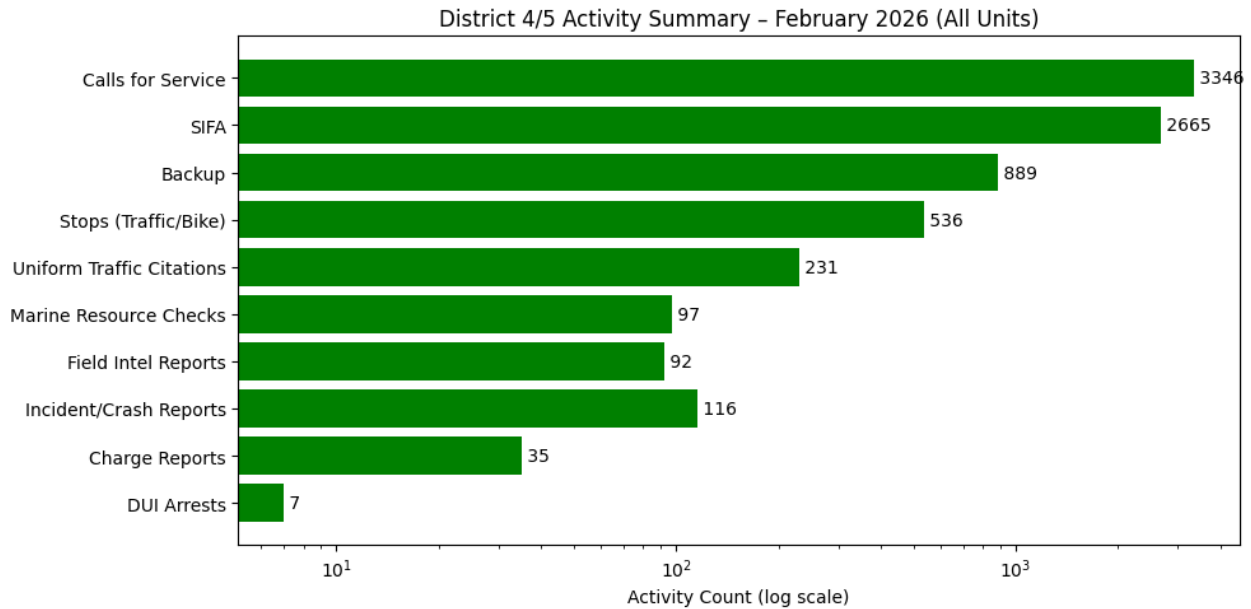
Throughout the month, patrol and investigative personnel remained focused on proactive enforcement, case development, training, and community engagement while maintaining operational readiness across the district.

Thank You,

Lieutenant Benjamin Elmore

Station Commander District 4/5 Patrol

Monroe County Sheriff's Office



Crime/Arrest Report:

MCSO26OFF000930: Traffic stop, led to Allan Lopez Reyes (DOB: 06/01/1983) being charged for DWLS w/ knowingly, unregistered motor vehicle, no valid driver's license or never having one issued, attached tag not assigned, and possessing a fictitious identification card (green card) belonging to another in his wallet.

MCSO26OFF000977: Disorderly Conduct (Precision Eye Care)- The suspect, Jajuan Antonio Josey (DOB 12/126/1995), entered several businesses and began threatening people. He was located nearby and arrested for assault, battery and other charges.

MCSO26OFF001149: Petit Theft, Deputies responded to JJ's Doghouse in reference to the theft of tip money. Surveillance video and suspect identification were provided to deputies. A photo lineup is being prepared and a warrant for the suspect is currently in process.

MCSO26OFF001161: Traffic stop led to MCSO Felony warrant service on Flor De Maria Vargas, reference Larceny charges. \$25,000.00 bond.

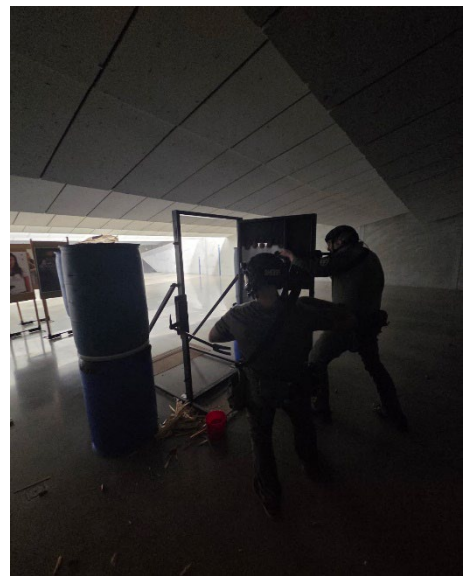
MCSO26OFF001192: Narcotics Investigation (Walgreens)- Stephen Matthew Dalzell (DOB: 06/18/1985) was located inside of Walgreens huffing compress air from a can and arrested. He made threats to harm himself and was Baker Acted. Deputy Rivera-Corona wrote a warrant for him, and he was arrested several days later.

MCSO26OFF001218: Criminal Mischief / Petit Theft (Faro Blanco). Lauren Raeke DOB: 02/20/2004 stole 2 credit cards and tore a social security card from her Natascha Walstrom DOB: 05/01/1991 Lauren was arrested and transported to the Key West Jail.

MCSO26OFF001229: John Brower was arrested for Fleeing and Eluding, DWLS with knowledge, DUI (drug related)

MCSO26OFF001331: Matthew Haines was arrested for DUI, BAC: Refusal.

Training:



SWAT Training



Building Clearing Training



Shooting Range Skills Training

Community Involvement:



Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup 47mm



MHS Career Fair



Charlotte Quinn Award



Surf Style Grand Opening



A New Junior Deputy



City Leader Dunk Tank Event



Sombrero Beach 5K Run

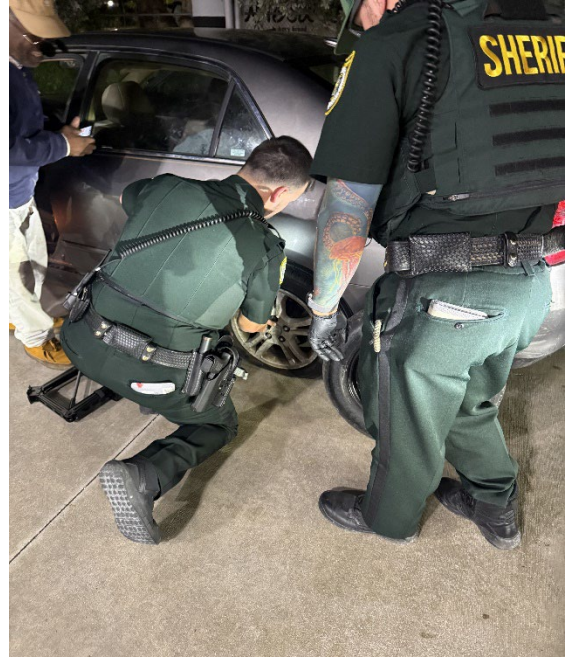




Dep. Vecino-Gonzalez Picked Up Trash Near Long Key Bridge



Returning Stray Shopping Carts



Deputies Assisting Motorists With Flat Tires



Delta Squad Trash Clean Up



Dep. Rivera-Corona Petitioning
for a Patrol Car Upgrade



Sgt. O'Neill Assisted a New Mother
with Car Seat Installation



Sgt. Askins Trading Coins with a NC
Officer on Vacation



A Family Meeting for Dep. Guerra at MHS
Career Day



Sgt. Slough Continues Proactive Counter
Smuggling Investigations