

OnPatrol



These police reports are reprinted as written by Longboat Key Officers on scene at the incident. Here are their stories, in their own words. Reports have been edited for privacy and grammar.

Nov. 19

In Hot Water

2:11 p.m. - Officer Jackson - Two vehicles drove into the parking lot of a complex located in the 6900 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive and four subjects exited the car and went to the pool. Registration of the vehicles showed neither vehicle belonged to this complex. I made contact with the individuals and they were there to use the pool because it is heated and said that they had used the pool before. I issued trespassing warnings to all. No further action.

Reckless Driving — Late from a Date

3:34 p.m. - Officer Thompson - I observed a black 1999 Mitsubishi 2-door with a Florida tag traveling at 84 mph in a clearly marked 45 mph speed zone. I activated my emergency lights and siren. The car did not yield for over a mile.

The female driver admitted speeding and having a panic attack because she was lost. She was also supposed to be home at 2:30 p.m. to meet her boyfriend, and she had been out with another male acquaintance. She received a mandatory court appearance for unlawful speed and a citation for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

Business Security Check

4 p.m. - Officer Jackson - While checking the doors of a business located in the 6800 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive I found the front door unsecured. The key holder was called to secure the door.

Suspicious Circumstance — Heads Up

9:33 a.m. - Officer Beardsley - Police were called to investigate something afloat behind a business located in the 2100 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. Upon arrival, we did see an object. A passerby was in the water and confirmed the object to be a crab trap with a buoy attached. Seaweed was on the buoy, making it appear to be a human head.



No Work on Sabbath

11:12 a.m. - Officer Erickson - I responded to a report of construction work being done at the 600 block of Emerald Harbor Drive. Painters had been sealing a dock and were advised that work was not to be performed on Sunday.

Not Allowed

1:21 p.m. - Officer Beardsley - While patrolling a community I observed a blue van stopping at houses along the 500 block of Yardam Lane and opening mail boxes. I stopped the van with Michigan tags and asked what he was doing. He showed me his business cards, stating that they were just putting them in the mailboxes. I advised him that he cannot do this and told him to stop. The cards he was distributing were from a stone and tile installation business.

Harassing Phone Call

9:06 p.m. - Officer Thompson - The complainant, who is staying in the 5000 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive, is a white female from Vermont who received numerous harassing phone calls from her estranged husband. The complainant has an ex-parte temporary order for relief from abuse issued in Chittenden County in Vermont. Contact was made with the estranged husband who admitted making the telephone calls.

Nov. 20

Attempting Breaking and Entering

4:34 p.m. - Officer Morningstar - The complainant from the 500 block of Broadway advised that a white male with long blond hair, a blue jean jacket and blue jeans entered a unit. The complainant advised us that the

person who rents the unit is not home, and the subject in blue jeans does not live there. The subject entered and did not come out.

I observed damage to the back door. The lockset was loose and hanging from the door and the door opened at touch. There was no key holder available. We made entry to the unit with no further damage. Upon entry, an unknown white male identified himself as the renter but was unable to produce identification. The subject was very agitated that officers had entered his home and demanded that we leave.

When asked why he did not answer the door, the subject stated he thought it was the landlord, and he was behind on his rent. The subject was still highly agitated and kept demanding that we leave. Officers were able to confirm his identity with the original caller and cleared the scene.

Attempted Burglary

4:36 p.m. - Officer Brown - The complainant at the 500 Block of Neptune Avenue reported that he heard a loud noise the night before around 11:30 p.m. and again at 4:15 p.m. He found the outside plastic storage shed doors wide open and the eyebolt and lock lying on the ground. Nothing was taken.

Burglary in Margaritaville

9:21 p.m. - Officer Brown - The complainant at the 3700 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive reported that the week before he had gone out for a few hours in the evening and upon his return found a \$10 roll of quarters and a bottle of Tequila were missing. He later found a plastic bag with the quarters behind his living room couch. He said the south side door had the metal flange bent even though he had locked the doors. He had mentioned it to his neighbor who said she had \$30 in cash missing from her living room around the same time even though her doors were locked.

Lost Dog

8:55 a.m. - Officer Brown - I responded to the 500 block of Schooner Lane where a small gray dog was running loose. The dog had no tags on. It was taken to the police department and put in the outside pen area. Sarasota Animal Control responded and took the dog.



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