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.

Oct. 6

Assist Other Agency

1:52 p.m. - Officer Thompson - I hand delivered Town Commission mail to Mayor Joan Webster, Vice Mayor Lee Rothenberg and Commissioner Randy Clair. Mail was left at the front doors of Commissioners Peter O'Connor, Bob Seikman and George Spell. Messages were left on their answering machines. Mail for Jeremy Whatmough was left in dispatch to be picked up at a later date.

Tough Talker

2:37 p.m. - Officer Jackson - I responded to a report of a complainant of the 3800 Block of Sugar Lane in Sarasota. I met with a white male defendant of the 400 Block of Briggs Avenue in Sarasota. The defendant said the complainant walked toward his truck on "J" dock and said, "I'm going to kick your ass." The defendant said he did not say anything to cause this attack. Complainant had previously called in a trespass call. There are no witnesses to this incident. The complainant was given a statement form he said he would complete.

Oct. 11

Traffic Violation

3:00 p.m. - Officer Nagell - 3300 Block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. During my patrol I conducted a registration and driver's license check. The registration was valid. The check on the driver's license indicated it had been suspended. The driver denied any prior knowledge of any suspension and appeared genuine in his responses. I issued a citation for violation without knowledge. I confiscated his Florida driver's license and explained his options and the reasons for suspension. The passenger whom possessed a valid Florida driver's license drove the car.

Oct. 15

Traffic Accident/No Injury

4:12 p.m. - Officer Martin - 6800 Block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. In the crash, both vehicles were parked on the north side of the Market Store in the lot. Vehicle 1 was parked on the left side of Vehicle 2. When Vehicle 1 backed out of the space, it sideswiped the rear bumper of Vehicle 2. Owner of Vehicle 1 stated that Vehicle 2 wasn't there when he originally parked in the space.

Traffic Violation

11:55 a.m. - Officer Jackson - 5800 Block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. While conducting a vehicle registration check I also ran a Florida tag check. The check indicated that the owner had a suspended license. He said he did not know of the suspension but handed over a yellow copy of a traffic citation issued by Hillsborough County for driving while license suspended without knowledge. Driver was arrested for driving without



a license with knowledge. Released on court date.

Rescue/Injury-Outside Accident

3:43 p.m. - Officer Jackson - 4400 Block of Gulf of Mexico Drive. The subject had fallen on the sidewalk. Subject was alert and coherent but was bleeding from cuts/deep abrasions to his head, left shoulder, left elbow and left knee. Longboat Fire EMS transported the subject to Sarasota Memorial Hospital for evaluation. A Witness was riding his motorcycle past and saw the subject misstep off of the edge of the sidewalk.

Security Check

11:30 p.m. - Officer Morningstar -Avenue of the Flowers. While conducting business security checks, the front door of a business was open. There was not damage to the door. It appears to have been left unlocked. I checked the interior and everything appeared to be ok. I was able to secure the door and exited through a rear door. Dispatch was unable to make contact with a key holder.

Suspicious Circumstance

11:17 p.m. - Officer Greathouse -Companion Way - Upon arrival I made contact with a white female. She advised that she heard someone walking outside her bedroom window and saw the shadow of the subject. She advised that it could have been her roommate, who moved out on this day, a white male. She advised that she recently moved in, three days ago, and would like extra patrol by her house. There was no evidence of anyone in the area. There were shadows of tree limbs being moved by the wind and raccoons a possibility. She was advised that extra patrol would be conducted and she was given the number to police dispatch.

Security Check/Business

6:14 p.m. - Officer Martin - 5300 Bock of Gulf of Mexico Drive - I checked the business due to a previous burglary there. I found a sliding glass door in drivethru that was not secured. After a closer look, it appeared the door had not been repaired from an earlier burglary. I had dispatch contact the key holder and leave a message.

Oct. 16

Traffic Violation

9:02 p.m. - Officer Beardsley - 200 Block of Gulf of Mexico Drive - Vehicle was observed leaving residence with no tag lights. A check of the driver's license revealed a suspension for failure to pay child support. His driver's license was confiscated and the car was removed by relatives. He was arrested and released by citation with a court date.

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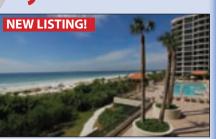
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