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The following are actual police reports as written by Longboat Key Officers. They are edited for length, punctuation and to protect privacy.

September 23, 2004

Car Damage

3:21 p.m.- Officer Cavanaugh - I spoke to a white male at 529 Reclinatta Drive, owner of a 1998 BMW 2-door convertible who informed me that as he was driving southbound on SR-789 in his vehicle when an object struck his passenger side window. This unknown object left a small chip in the glass. At the same time his car was passing Tiffany Plaza, another white male was operating a weed wacker trimmer on the Tiffany's property. The male feels the object that caused the small chip in his passenger window was kicked up by the weed wacker. Tiffany manager was not located this day.

September 24, 2004

Project Discussion

1:16 p.m.- Officer Jackson-Responded to 430 Northshore Road and met with white male. He is employed by Interlocking Brick Pavers and was contracted by the homeowner. He produced a copy of his building permit. The property owner on the permit is different from homeowner. He said he was moving the spoil dirt from the driveway he was excavating to a spot near the northeast corner of the house. He assumed the property owner owned the area that he was driving his Bobcat over. He also dumped spoil over his route from the road to the pile in the rear of the residence, so that the Bobcat "wouldn't bog down." Worker was told to cease operations until he and complainant could discuss the project. Complainant was in a meeting at time of occurrence. Worker said he wouldn't do anymore work until Monday morning.

Fishing from Groin

3:23 p.m. - Officer Jackson-Responded to 2295 Gulf of Mexico Drive and met with two men who were standing on the beach groin fishing. I advised the subjects of the Town's concerns and subjects agreed to fish from the beach.

Vandalism Complaint

8:57 p.m.-Officer Thompson-Upon my arrival, I spoke with white male of the 6900 block of Poinsetta Ave. He advised he was having difficulty with his girlfriend who is also his business partner. He believes that while he was at work between 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. she vandalized the apartment they share. She lives at the same address. She may have used a golf club to break numerous holes into the drywall of the living room and bathroom walls. It appears that she removed her belongings from the residence. He advised earlier today he reported missing property to officer Jackson. He attempted to fill out a statement. The statement I obtained appears to be related more to the earlier incident. He was very emotional and it was hard to obtain any further information.

September 25, 2004

Disorderly Intoxication and Littering

2:19 p.m.- Officer Beardsley- Received call from employee at 6800 block of Gulf of Mexico Drive, stating that a man was causing a disturbance behind Isabelle's and down to the Bayou Steakhouse. Upon my arrival I met with the Manager of Isabelle's. She reported that a white male was out back throwing a black trunk into the canal and arguing and cursing

at all the people trying to make him stop. They reported that he was drunk and behaving belligerently. This defendant had made two false 911 calls to the police department this morning and afternoon, and when I spoke with him, he was slurring his words and babbling incoherently. He also was involved in a domestic on Sept. 24 and made false 911 calls on that date, wanting to "talk to Officer Jackson." When I arrived at Isabelle's, I met with the manager and she reported what had just happened, and she said he was very drunk, too. I went out back and saw the defendant stumble out his back door (Franco's Pizza). He picked up a pile of papers and photos and stumbled towards the canal. He threw the pile towards the water against my commands. He was ranting about the papers being "his memories" and that he "could destroy them if he wished." I told him numerous times to stop. I then placed him under arrest for disorderly intoxication and littering. I read him his Miranda Warnings at 2:20 p.m. He said he did not want an attorney. He was taken to Manatee County Jail. The trunk and the litter were picked up by owners of the shopping center and placed into evidence.

September 26, 2004

Wedding Disturbance

6:50 p.m.- Officer Thompson-Upon my arrival, I met with two men involved in a disturbance. The first subject was a white male of Ohio. He advised that another white male of Ohio was intoxicated and disturbing other guests at his sisters wedding party. He advised that he asked the man to leave the area and the defendant approached him outside the dining room and poked him in the chest and began to make a scene. He then grabbed the defendant by the shoulders and pushed him up against the kitchen doorway. The incident was witnessed by a white male and a Hilton employee. I then spoke with the defendant who was very intoxicated and had to be warned to quiet down after he began saying vulgarities in front of hotel guests including children. He did not want to come back to Florida to testify and seemed more interested in requesting writer to handcuff the complainant to teach him a lesson. Defendant was taken back to his hotel.

September 27, 2004

Missing Person

7:38 p.m.- Officer Buehler- Arrived at 444 Gulf of Mexico Drive and met with the manager in reference to an employee who didn't show up for work. The manager wanted to file a missing person report. I contacted Holmes Beach Police Department who sent an officer to the house. The officer talked to the neighbor who gave a phone number to where the employee was house sitting in Sarasota. I called the number and the line was busy. I had dispatch at the number and had a deputy from Sarasota go by the residence. The deputy made contact and had the employee call dispatch. Everything was OK and she was told to call her boss, the complainant.

September 28, 2004

Burglary

1:40 p.m.- Officer Jensen - I met with the complainant and a white female in reference to their rented Chevrolet Impala being burglarized while parked at the Broadway Beach access. The two stated

they arrived at the beach at approximately 10:30 a.m. and locked their purses in the trunk. When they returned to the car approximately an hour later, they found their purses had been rearranged in the trunk. Upon further inspection, the complainant found \$320 missing from her purse and her friend found \$260 missing from her purse. No other items were found missing. As I inspected the vehicle, I noticed the drivers door lock had been punched out. The perpetrator then gained access to the trunk via the remote trunk release button on the dash. Victims had accessed the vehicle several times, so processing the vehicle for latents was not done.

Suspicious Mail

5:19 pm.-Officer Sharkey-One suspicious piece of mail was found in the police department mailbox. The white envelope was addressed to Longboat Key Police Department. No street address was given. Four 37-cent stamps were on the envelope. No return address was given. Envelope wrapped with wide clear plastic tape. Contents were full with paper and appeared to have hard lumps. Manatee County Sheriff's Department was contacted and advised to place envelope in a Hazmat container for pick up on Wednesday. The envelope was sealed in Hazmat bags and placed in the Hazmat container located in outside secured storage area.

September 29, 2004

Boat Assistance

11:06 a.m.-Officer Jackson-Responded to the end of Bayou Sound to find two subjects using a PVC pole attempting to push their disabled boat out of the canal into the bay. The pole belonged on the boatlift at 3363 Bayou Sound. Subjects checked for warrants, with negative findings. Writer gave subjects a ride to the 10th Street boat launch and replaced the boatlift pole. Subjects would return with another boat to tow the disabled one.

September 30, 2004

Habitual Traffic Violator

1:10 p.m.-Officer Mislyan -While on patrol, I observed a white 92 GMC van southbound on SR-789 in the 200 block with a badly cracked windshield. The driver identified himself and said he did not have a driver's license, because it was suspended. A check for warrants showed he was on probation until Nov. 7, 2004 for " Felony Driving with Licensed Suspended. The DMV was contacted by Longboat Police dispatch and confirmed that the defendant is a habitual traffic violator, currently under suspension, effective 03-24-04. He has a five-year suspension. Defendant said he borrowed the van to drive to a job estimate on Longboat Key. He was transported to Sarasota county Jail.

Restaurant Disturbance

8:39 p.m.-Officer Jackson- I responded to a reported fight. Upon arrival, I found this to be a verbal argument. A father and son were in a debate and got loud. The table next to them said he tried to inject some humor into the conversation, and the son started to use nasty language toward her. Her husband then said he could not talk to his wife like that and they got their lunch. They had ended the disturbance and the son had gone to the room. This may have been a result of too much to drink.

Room Damage

11:26 a.m.- Officer Erickson-Writer contacted the guard shack of The Colony, 1620 Gulf of Mexico. They stated that on Sept. 28, a white male reserved a room for two days at The Colony with a Visa card, but actually paid cash for the room. During this time, he and three other males stayed in the room. Upon leaving on Sept. 30, a phone bill for \$27.87 was left unpaid. Also, the top of a wooden dresser was damaged by cigarette burns. The front desk staff of The Colony ran the Visa card for the amount of \$250. This amount covers the phone bill and damages to the dresser top. The occupants of the room could not be reached.

October 1, 2004

Suspicious Circumstance

12:18 p.m.-Officer Brown- I responded to Forest Way, in reference to a subject acting strangely. Upon arrival, I met with the complainants. They are in charge of cleaning rental units at Cedars East. Today, the owner of unit approached them stating that he knew they have been in his unit. They do not have a key for his unit since he was acting abnormally from when they have talked to him in the past. I attempted to make contact with white male. He would not answer the door or his phone. I advised the complainants to call us back if they had any more problems.

October 2, 2004

Stolen Jewelry

12:24 p.m.- Officer Jensen- The complainant came to the police department to report the theft of some jewelry from her home. Approximately six months ago the complainant was cleaning a built-in bookcase in her den and on the top shelf found two rings. (1) unknown silver/gold with small diamonds across the top, (2) unknown silver/gold round top covered with small diamonds. She contacted all of her friends but none were missing any jewelry. She placed the rings along with (1) green beaded choker necklace in a Ziploc baggie and left it on her dresser so she could take them to a jeweler and get the rings resized and the necklace fixed. On Sept. 7, she returned from dance class at approximately 2 p.m. and noticed one of the rings missing from the bag. On Sept. 21, she again returned from dance class noticing the baggie, second ring and necklace missing. On both occasions, the only other people in the house were house cleaners from "Merry Maids" whom she has contracted with for two years. The complainant stated that generally two women show up to clean (bi-weekly) at approximately 10 a.m. and are gone by 11:30 a.m. The woman that always cleans her bedroom is "Heather." Values could not be given for the missing property.

Missing Bike

3:53 p.m.- Officer Brown- I responded to the 3300 block of Bayou Road in reference to a missing bike. I met with a white female complainant who stated that on Sept. 29 at 6:20 a.m. she left her bicycle at the bike rack at Eckerds (Town Plaza area) overnight unlocked. Upon returning on Sept. 30 at 6:20 a.m., the bike was gone. The area was checked with no success.

October 04, 2004

Kitchen Fire

10:04 p.m.-Officer Thompson- upon my arrival at the complainant's residence, I found the complainant had put out a small kitchen fire. The dishwasher caught on fire due to a wiring short. I shut his circuit breaker off and the fire department