

# OnPatrol



The following are actual police reports as written by Manatee County Sheriff's Officers. They are edited for length, punctuation and to protect privacy.

## Theft

Oct. 11 - 4:07 p.m. - Officer Williamson - I spoke with both the reporting person and victim stated that a man walked past her with a Gibson guitar while she was outside the store smoking a cigarette. Victim thought that one of her co-workers sold the guitar to the man. Victim later found out that nobody sold the man the guitar.

## Criminal Mischief

Oct. 12 - 7:27 a.m. - Officer Teeters - SR 70 E - Unknown person(s) removed the manhole cover and slid it into the drain. I had dispatch contact DOT to replace the cover. Dispatch contacted DOT at 7:32 a.m. hours. At 8:55 a.m. hours contacted DOT for the fourth time, and talked to person. A wooden skid was placed over the hole.

## Aggravated Assault

Oct. 12 - 12:57 p.m. - Officer Whidden - Victim states that on 10-12-05 at approximately 12:55 p.m. hours she was walking through the parking lot at Ellenton Outlet Mall going to her job at IZOD. The victim states an older white Buick driven by an older white male was backing up and just barely brushed into her leg. Victim states she put her hand on the vehicle and told the white male he backed into her and at that point the older male pulled out a small black handgun and pointed it at her. The white male stated "Keep your hands to your damn self" and then drove away.

## Theft

Oct. 13 - 5:00 a.m. - Officer Smith - Palmetto - Between hours of 12:30 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. on 10-13, unknown person entered the unlocked vehicle, used the key left under the seat to start and drive away. No one had permission to use the vehicle. The vehicle was later seen in the area of a possible attempted burglary in the city of Palmetto. PPD officers located the vehicle and requested MCSO attempt to contact the owner.

## Domestic Battery

Oct. 13 - 10:40 a.m. - Officer Oyler - Palmetto - The defendant willfully and unlawfully took possession of an aerosol insecticide spray and sprayed it directly into the victim's face. The victim is the defendant's brother and both reside at the same location.

## Theft

Oct. 13 - 8:50 a.m. - Officer Ward - Defendant selected a pair of sunglasses and removed the barcode. Defendant placed the sunglasses in her purse. Defendant also concealed selected makeup and a Lock-It in her purse. Defendant selected a second pair of sunglasses and placed the sunglasses on her shirt. Defendant then walked past all points of sale without offering to pay for the items. The total amount taken is valued at \$35.10.

## Trafficking in Cocaine

Oct. 13 - 5:10 p.m. - Officer Freel - I saw the vehicle that defendant was driving, traveling north on US 41. The vehicle changed lanes and did not use an indicator when the lane change occurred. There were many other vehicles in the immediate area. I activated my blue lights to stop the vehicle.

The driver stepped on the brakes and I noticed the passenger side brake light was not working. The vehicle stopped.

I approached the driver and asked for his driver's license. The driver told me he had a large sum of money on him because he was going to purchase a motorcycle for a friend. I asked the defendant to step out of the vehicle. I spoke with defendant again about the large sum of money.

I called for a K-9 unit to respond to the traffic stop. Dep. Dickerman has the passenger stop out of the vehicle. Dep. Thomason arrived and walked her K-9 around the vehicle that defendant was driving. Thomason advised that her K-9 alerted on the vehicle. I checked the bed of the truck.

I found a plastic bag under a spare tire in the bed of the truck. Inside the bag was a cellphone box. Inside the cellphone box was a bag of suspected cocaine, a bag with suspected marijuana, a pill bottle with five pills of Oxycontin and one pill of suboxone, a pill bottle with 27 pills of suspected MDMA and a pill bottle with 93 pills in it that could not be identified. I tested the suspected cocaine, marijuana and MDMA with field kits. All tested positive for their suspected drugs.

I called poison control to identify the pills. Poison control could not identify the bottle of 93 pills. The weight of the cocaine was 138 grams.

## Possession of Marijuana

Oct. 13 - 10:02 p.m. - Officer Vaughn - SR 64 - The defendant was a passenger seated in the driver's side (left) rear passenger seat of the vehicle. The vehicle was stopped for a traffic, improper right turn, violation. I made contact with the driver and asked for consent to search the vehicle. She refused.

K-9 Officer Klemkosky was already on scene. He performed a vehicle sniff with his K-9 Rico. Officer Klemkosky advised that Rico alerted to the driver's side of the vehicle. I searched the vehicle.

Located on the driver's side, left, rear passengers floor board was a green leafy substance. It was in plain unobstructed view. It was directly underneath the defendant's feet. I tested the substance in a department approved field kit and had positive results for marijuana. I placed the defendant into double locked handcuffs and into the rear of my patrol car. Defendant was wearing gang colors at the time of contact with the brown hanky in his pocket. The weight of the marijuana with bag was 5.6 grams.

Defendant told me that next time I arrested him he will hit me so he has something real to be arrested for.

## Grand Theft Auto

Oct. 14 - 2:00 a.m. - Officer Smith - Palmetto - According to the victim and her sworn affidavit, the victim was the girlfriend of the defendant until several months ago. Defendant had been injured after they broke up and the defendant had moved out. After his injuries, victim allowed defendant to stay with her temporarily until he recovered. The victim advised that the defendant had had permission to use her vehicle in the past, but that he has not had permission to use the vehicle in several months.

On 10-14-05 at approximately 2 a.m., the

victim confronted the defendant about his drinking, doing drugs and his recently acquired porn collection. Defendant got up, hit the victim in the back and buttocks and then left in her car.

I located the car about 45 minutes later at the 200 block of 39th St. E. As I turned onto 39th St. E and shined my spotlight at the car, a white male ran behind the apartment building. I called for a K-9 unit. Dep. Finley arrived and we began tracking. We located the defendant in a yard, bedded down behind some wood pallets and took him into custody.

Search incident to arrest, I found two small pieces of rock cocaine in the defendant's right accessory pocket, in his shorts. The cocaine tested positive for cocaine with a presumptive, reagent test kit and weighed 0.1 grams.

Defendant was read his Miranda warnings at which point he denied all the allegations. Defendant stated he ran because he didn't want to go to jail.

## Trespassing

Oct. 14 - 3:30 p.m. - Officer Freer - Unknown person(s) entered the construction site on University Parkway. Unknown

person(s) hot wired and then removed three pieces of heavy equipment, damaging them. Unknown person(s) threw an unknown object breaking one section of a water truck's windshield, also on the construction site.

## Fleeing, Eluding Law Enforcement

Oct. 14 - 5:45 p.m. - Officer McInturff - I was working with the FHP pilot Sgt. Gary Schluter on a speed check operation on SR 93 at CR 6 at 5:11 p.m. Sgt. Schluter advised the ground units that he had clocked two motorcycles at 118 mph. He gave the descriptions as a blue and white and a black motorcycle. Sgt. Schluter advised that the motorcycles were driving aggressively cutting in and out of traffic and passing all the vehicles.

I was traveling northbound on SR 93 and I made a u-turn through the center median and exited onto the east shoulder to wait for them. I observed the blue and white motorcycle traveling in the south bound outside lane passing on the shoulder and traveling at high rate of speed. I activated my blue lights and siren and merged into traffic. I advised Sgt. Schluter that the motorcycles were pulling away from me. He advised me to go into a surveillance mode and he would continue aerial surveillance. I followed the motorcycles on south bound SR 93 and Sgt. Schluter advised that they had exited onto west bound SR 43. Sgt. Schluter observed the vehicles passing on the shoulder and weaving in and out of traffic.

I exited the interstate approximately 10 car lengths behind and Sgt. Schluter advised me not to approach too closely



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