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LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF CARMINE MARCENO

DEPUTY DOGS Pets on Patrol wants you to be part of the team

The public is invited to attend kick-off event at Bell Tower

We are keeping very busy here at your Sheriff's Office with several new initiatives that I am excited to tell you about, as well as give you an update on the well-being of the newest member of our law enforcement team, "Deputy Chance."

Many of you have been following his incredible story of survival and recovery since being found with his mouth taped shut in a horrible case of animal abuse and abandonment.

You've asked how he is doing since being adopted by our agency, and I am happy to report that Chance is adjusting quite nicely, and in fact, he's doing "pawsome."

We can't wait for you to meet him at our community events, beginning with a special invitation for you to join me, Deputy Chance and Lieutenant Bosco as we



Sheriff Carmine Marceno is centered between two members of his Deputy Dogs team. From left is Deputy Chance and Lieutenant Bosco.



meet and greet residents at the kick-off of our **DEPUTY DOGS** Pets on Patrol program on Saturday,

April 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bell Tower Shops. Come on out and register your furry friend with the **DEPUTY DOGS** Pets on Patrol program and receive a special membership packet.

The **DEPUTY DOGS** Pets on Patrol initiative encourages pet owners to

pay closer attention to suspicious activity while walking their pets, and report concerns to the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

As a member of the **DEPUTY DOGS** Pets on Patrol community, you will receive valuable crime prevention information that

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Meet the K9 team

Our new K9 trading cards have finally arrived!

Be on the lookout for all 24 cards featuring K9s Ace, Raider, SABR, Blitz, Triton, Kylo, Jak, Karma, Kilo, Ruger, Judah, Recon, Samson, JoJo, Leo, Roch, Deacon, Neko, JJ, Cassius, Jager, Eli, Gram, and Zeus.

K9 handlers and Community Relations representatives will share the cards at community events, school functions, and as part of our “**DEPUTY DOGS - Pets on Patrol**” program.

These cards were made possible courtesy of the Bell Tower.

SWFL Crime Stoppers

The SWFL Crime Stoppers program provides an anonymous tip line to encourage citizens in the community to provide information to assist law enforcement agencies fight against crime.

Caller will remain anonymous and are eligible for a reward of up to \$3,000 if the information provided directly to Crime Stoppers leads to an arrest, the recovery of stolen property or the recovery or seizure of any illegal drugs or narcotics.

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will help you identify suspicious behavior/activity, effectively gather and communicate what you have seen and/or heard to law enforcement and determine whether to utilize the 9-1-1 system or call our non-emergency number.

For additional information regarding the **DEPUTY DOGS** Pets on Patrol program, please e-mail Deputy Chance or Lieutenant Bosco at deputydogs@sheriffleefl.org or call our Crime Prevention Unit at (239) 258-3280.



Deputy Chance is a member of Pets on Patrol.

You can keep up with our special events and programs like **DEPUTY DOGS** by downloading our new mobile app to your smartphone. Staying connected and keeping you informed is a key component in the success of our operation. The app features access to a real-

time feed of our social media so you can stay up to date on traffic advisories, missing persons, sexual offender relocations and so much more. Just search “Lee County Sheriff, FL” in your device for this free application.

My team and I are laser focused on keeping the residents of Lee County safe and we look forward to working alongside you to make our beautiful county the safest place to work, play and retire.



School threats have real consequences

The Lee County Sheriff's Office, the School District of Lee County and other local law enforcement agencies are working together to send a strong message to students of all ages that a threat of violence against their school – whether verbal, written, emailed or posted online – can land them in jail and have a profound impact on their future.

“Fake Threat, Real Consequences” is a joint campaign warning kids and their parents that threats to our schools are not harmless and can be

dangerous. “Law enforcement will thoroughly investigate and analyze any and all threats to determine their credibility,” says Sheriff Carmine Marceno. “With a thoughtless remark on social media or a school wall, students risk starting out their adult lives in prison and forever being labeled a felon.” Students also face disciplinary actions such as suspension or expulsion from school.

Public service announcements featuring the Sheriff's Office, Fort Myers Police, Cape Coral Police and Sanibel

Police highlighting the reality of “Fake Threat, Real Consequences” are featured as part of each middle and high school's morning announcements.

In addition, flyers are posted in the schools and a large social media campaign is underway to help spread the message.

You can view the PSAs and learn more about “Fake Threat, Real Consequences” by visiting www.leeschools.net.



Volunteer work pays dividends for maintaining mental alertness

Did you know that volunteering could help ward off dementia?

That's according to results recently discovered in a University of Michigan health and retirement study that found those aged 60 and older who did volunteer work for 100 hours a year – or just two hours a week – performed better in cognitive testing than non-volunteers did.

The study adds to growing evidence that time spent helping others is not only beneficial for your overall physical health, but for your brain as well.

Include positive lifestyle changes such as maintaining a healthy diet and regular exercise and you have armed yourself with notable weapons in the fight against dementia.

VOICE

VOICE volunteers were integral to agency operations. Last year 125 volunteer members contributed 41,997 hours of service.

Based on the national volunteer rate of \$24.69 an hour, VOICE members saved the agency and tax payers \$1,036,906.

If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity, consider becoming a member of the Lee County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Observers Impacting Community Effort (VOICE) program.

Call 477-1422 for more information on how to join.

WINK News Anchor Lois Thome and Sheriff Carmine Marceno appear at the WINK Feeds Families Hunger Walk 2019. LCSO was a lead sponsor of the Jan. 19 event that raised \$341,849 to help feed the hungry in Southwest Florida.



Quiz helps assess identity theft risk

Did you know identity theft has become the fastest growing crime in America?

According to the recently released Javelin Strategy & Research Identity Fraud Report, the number of identity theft victims rose to 16.7 million in 2017, contributing to a loss of nearly \$17 billion from U.S. consumers. These numbers show that your chance of becoming a victim of identity theft continue to increase, and it is now more important than ever before to safeguard your personal information.

Where do you begin? Take this quiz to identify the ways you are most vulnerable to identity thieves.

I receive pre-approved credit card offers in the mail and throw them directly in the trash without shredding them. (10 points)

I carry my social security card or



military ID in my wallet. (10 points)

I drop my outgoing mail into an open, unlocked mailbox. (10 points)

I dispose of bank statements, utility bills, life insurance offers, etc. by throwing them in the trash. (10 points)

If I received a call from someone identifying himself or herself as being from the IRS, Social Security or federal government, I would tell them my social security number. (10 points)

I believe I am required to give my

social security number to all healthcare providers. (10 points)

I believe information such as my address, email or phone number are not valuable to ID thieves. (10 points)

I believe my social networking is safe because there is nothing identity thieves can do with my selfies, check-ins, likes and other info. (10 points)

I believe I would immediately know if my identity was stolen. (10 points)

I have not ordered a copy of my credit report for at least 2 years. (10 points)

If you scored 70 points or greater, you need to learn more about ID theft.

If you scored 40-70 points, you are at average risk, yet still vulnerable.

If you scored below 40 points, congratulations! Your security awareness is high so keep up the good work.

Shred-a-TON draws 275 people

Thanks to each of you who participated in the Pilot Club of Fort Myers and Lee County Sheriff's Office semi-annual Shred-a-TON event.

It was one of our most successful shred events, raising more than \$2,400 for our Project Lifesaver program and helping more than 275 people protect their identities by shredding more than 5 TONS of personal information on site by Secure Shred.

Project Lifesaver is a cutting-edge locator program for those

with Autism, Alzheimer's disease, Dementia and other brain-related disorders that cause people to wander. The program helps to provide peace of mind to thousands of families by ensuring that their loved one is participating in Project Lifesaver.

For more information about Project Lifesaver and our other programs, visit our website at www.sheriffleefl.org and click on the Senior Services link under Bureaus and Departments at the top of our home page.



More than 5 tons of personal information was safely disposed of at the Pilot Club of Fort Myers and Lee County Sheriff's Office semi-annual Shred-a-TON event.



From left Commander Morgan Bowden, Sgt. Shalonda Scott, Yvette Scurry, Rachelle Osme, Lt. Sylvester Smalls, Tiffany Powe-Salters, Jose Chery and Angelita Ross.

Legends Gala celebrates Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, members of the Sheriff’s office attended the Legends Gala at the Dr. Carrie Robinson Center. Those in attendance were from left Commander Morgan Bowden, Public Services Division; Sgt. Shalonda Scott, Corrections; Yvette Scurry, Victim Advocate; Rachelle Osme,

Victim Advocate; Lt. Sylvester Smalls, Public Services Division; Tiffany Powe-Salters, Legal Bureau; Jose Chery, Technical Support; and Angelita Ross, Criminal Investigations Division.

Legends Gala is sponsored by the Lee County Black History Society

Committee, which serves to provide a way for citizens in Lee County to recognize and celebrate Black History Month.

The event also shines a light on the Black History Museum, located at 1936 Henderson Ave. in Fort Myers.

‘Savvy Seniors’ crime prevention training a hit

Hundreds of residents came out to take part in “Savvy Seniors,” a community wide crime prevention training program hosted by the Lee County Sheriff’s Office and presented by members of the Florida Crime

Prevention Association. Special guest speakers from around the state, along with our very own Business Crime Prevention Specialist Dr. Kim Swanson educated attendees on topics that included ID Theft, In-

vestment Fraud, Death Fraud and Taxpayer ID Hacking.

If you missed this event but would like to have one of our highly trained Crime Prevention Specialists speak at your community or organization meeting, please contact Community Relations at 258-3280.



LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPUTIES OF THE QUARTER

Law enforcement is not just about making arrests and taking criminals to jail. Sometimes it is lending a hand to victims of crime who have been taken advantage of by unscrupulous thieves and con artists. It is for this reason the Lee County Sheriff's Office recognizes Economic Crimes Detective Carolynn Gamez and Deputy Christopher Lusk as the 2018 Deputies of the Fourth Quarter.



Gamez

While recently investigating a scheme to defraud case, Detective Gamez discovered one of the victims in the case was living with her children in very poor conditions, thanks in part to a fraudster who took the family's savings and much of their family heirloom furniture.



Lusk

As a financial crisis loomed for the woman and her young children, Detective Gamez contacted Deputy Christopher Lusk for assistance in securing donated furniture from a large resort on Captiva Island. Without hesitation, this local business donated bedroom and living room furniture for the family, even providing a truck and fuel to transport the items more than 100 miles round trip.

We proudly recognize Detective Gamez and Deputy Lusk as our Deputies of the Quarter for going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure this family had a place to lay their heads after trusting the promise of a law-breaking crook.

CORRECTIONS DEPUTY OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Javier Rosa on his selection as the 2018 Corrections Deputy of the Fourth Quarter for his ability to control a very volatile situation between two customers at a local business.



Rosa

Deputy Rosa was off-duty and attending to personal business when he observed a verbal argument take place between two female customers who were unhappy about the service they received and employees of the company. The verbal argument quickly escalated into a physical altercation and then intensified when one of the disgruntled customers armed herself with a pair of scissors.

Without hesitation, Deputy Rosa identified himself and ordered the customer to drop the scissors; however, she refused to comply. Knowing the incident was unpredictable and becoming increasingly dangerous to patrons and employees, Deputy Rosa and another customer were able to disarm the female and de-escalate the situation until additional deputies could arrive and secure the two suspects.

Deputy Rosa's quick thinking and ability to control a rapidly declining situation is why he is the Lee County Sheriff's Office Corrections Deputy of the Fourth Quarter.

CIVILIAN OF THE QUARTER

The Lee County Sheriff's Office is proud to recognize employee Deedre Dotts as the 2018 Civilian of the Fourth Quarter for her exemplary work performance, attention to detail and professionalism in her role as a latent examiner.

Dotts has been instrumental in streamlining the department's digital



Dotts

imaging technology known as AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) by teaching co-workers how to utilize the system to better organize criminal court case information and save valuable time. In just

the few short months she has been in the AFIS/Latents Unit, she has closed 25 cases after successfully comparing fingerprints captured by detectives to the database of fingerprint records in AFIS.

Dotts is described by her peers as a pleasant, knowledgeable and a much needed member to the unit.



HAVE YOU SEEN THESE PEOPLE?

Wanted as of 3/19/19



Troy Bolin
5 ft. 10 in.
180 lbs.
D.O.B. 8-25-60
Felony warrant, sexual battery on a child less than 12 years of age

Don Collins
5 ft. 9 in.
170 lbs.
D.O.B. 04-09-62
FTA robbery & kidnapping, VOP robbery

Efrain Gomez Morales
5 ft. 4 in.
140 lbs.
D.O.B. 6-18-78
Sexual battery

Joseph Harmon
5 ft. 9 in.
180 lbs.
D.O.B. 6-12-75
FTA aggravated assault

Sean Hink
6 ft. 3 in.
160 lbs.
D.O.B. 7-9-94
FTA burglary X18, FTA grand theft X2



Jarquel Jenkins
5 ft. 6 in.
250 lbs.
D.O.B. 9-18-91
Sale and delivery of cocaine

Alejandro Mendoza-Carbajal
5 ft. 4 in.
160 lbs.
D.O.B. 12-8-80
Felony BW FTA attempted second degree murder

Angel Morales Carrasco
D.O.B. 10/1/92
2nd degree murder

Dean Trevil
6 ft. 1 in.
220 lbs.
D.O.B. 1-11-85
Felony warrant, FTA aggravated battery

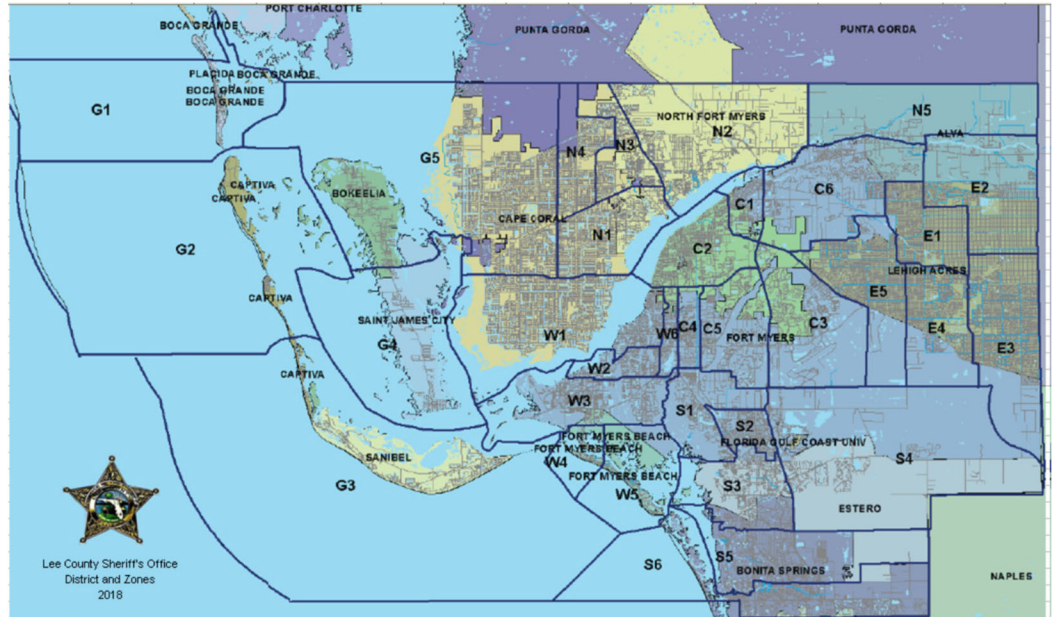
Terod Williams
6 ft. 1 in.
160 lbs.
D.O.B. 9-12-88
FTA possession of cocaine, FTA possession of a controlled substance



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IN BRIEF

Butterfly release puts spotlight on crime victims

A ceremony to honor and raise awareness in our community about the impact crime has on victims and how we can come together to assist victims of crime in rebuilding their lives will be held during National Crime Victims' Rights Week (April 7-13).

The public is invited to attend the Annual Butterfly Release on Sunday, April 14, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in downtown Centennial Park. Come alongside members of the Lee County Sheriff's Office, Fort Myers Police Department, Cape Coral Police Department, State Attorney's Office and Victim Services

Coalition for the 20th Judicial Circuit as we gather to remember and recognize all victims of crime.

Call Fort Myers Police Department Victim Advocate Chevala Jones at 321-8019 for more information.

Drug Take Back Day

As the nation prepares to recognize National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 27th, the Lee County Sheriff's Office encourages you to take time to go through your medicine cabinet and remove any unused, unwanted and expired medications. After gathering your prescriptions and over

the counter medications, you can safely dispose of them utilizing an anonymous and secure lock box located at our district substations and main headquarters.

Lock boxes are available to the public Monday to Friday during regular hours at district office locations.

Bring all medications in a sealed container or plastic bag.

Do not bring needles or other "sharps" as they will not be accepted.

For more information, call Community Relations at 258-3280 or visit www.sheriffleefl.org.