



FIBRS Incident Report

MONROE COUNTY SO
20950 OVERSEAS HWY
CUDJOE, FL 33042

Report Date / Time 2/25/2026 8:25:44 PM	Report Number MCSO26OFF001323 (01)	Report Case/CAD Number MCSO26OFF001323 / MCSO26CAD029442	Reporting Officer Rank / ID DEPUTY / S0576	Reporting Officer Name LADD, JACOB
Originating Agency ORI FL0440000	Reported to Agency Date 2/25/2026 4:49:26 PM	Occur Date Range 02/25/2026 16:49:26 -	Jurisdiction In Jurisdiction	Status: ACTIVE Clearance:
Offense Description 60-6 THEFT:VESSEL				

LOCATION(S)

County MONROE	Location Type INCIDENT LOCATION	Location Description					
Street Number 31532	Street AVE G	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City BIG PINE	State FL	Zip Code 33043	Phone Number	Ext.

Person: SUSPECT

First Name HECTOR	Middle Name DUARDY	Last Name CRUZ CORREA	Suffix	Race MALE	Sex MALE	Height 510	Weight 0	Hair	Eyes
MNI #	SSN [REDACTED]	Date of Birth 12/26/1983	Age 42	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID [REDACTED]	State FL	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth: , ,									
Addresses • / 15370 GRANT LN, HOMESTEAD, FL 33033 /									

Person: VICTIM

First Name ANGEL	Middle Name WALTER	Last Name MONTERA	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height 509	Weight 0	Hair	Eyes
MNI #	SSN [REDACTED]	Date of Birth 10/02/1960	Age 65	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID [REDACTED]	State FL	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth: , ,									
Addresses • / 14963 NW 89 PL, HIALEAH, FL 33018 / 7865865182									

Person: WITNESS

First Name KIMBERLY	Middle Name MARIA	Last Name PUFFENBARGER	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex FEMALE	Height 511	Weight 0	Hair	Eyes
MNI #	SSN [REDACTED]	Date of Birth 12/05/1960	Age 65	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID [REDACTED]	State FL	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth: , ,									
Addresses • / 31516 AVENUE G, BIG PINE KEY, FL 33043 /									

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Person: WITNESS

First Name PAUL	Middle Name DANIEL	Last Name PUFFENBARGER	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height 606	Weight 0	Hair	Eyes
MNI #	SSN [REDACTED]	Date of Birth 05/26/1961	Age 64	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID [REDACTED]	State FL	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth: , ,									
Addresses • / 31516 AVENUE G, BIG PINE KEY, FL 33043 /									

Person: OTHER PERSON

First Name JEFTE	Middle Name	Last Name GONZALEZ MARTINEZ	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height 5'07"	Weight	Hair	Eyes
MNI #	SSN	Date of Birth 08/19/1996	Age 29	ID Type E	Drivers License or other ID [REDACTED]	State FL	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth: , ,									
Addresses • / 14963 NW 89TH PL, MIAMI LAKES, FL 33018 / 7867128126									

Charge

Counts	Charge	Arrest Offense Code Description
Charge Degree	Charge Level	General Offense Code COMPLETED
Charge Description		

Vehicle: ABANDONED

Year 2026	Make CHEV	Model TK	Style	Color WHI	State FL	License Plate # BE49LJ	Tag Expiration	VIN 1GCUKJEL9TZ256626
Vehicle Owner Type PERSON	Vehicle Value (\$)	<input type="checkbox"/> CMV <input type="checkbox"/> HAZMAT	DOT Number		Placard Hazardous Material #		Placard Hazard Class #	
Vehicle Owner HECTOR DUARDY CRUZ CORREA (SUSPECT)			Vehicle Released to Person			Vehicle Released by Officer		

Vessel: STOLEN

Year 1981	Make PRO-LINE BOATS	Type	Color	Hull Material
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Vessel Name	State FL	Registration Number FL7726SH	Tag Expiration	Vessel HIN PLC00916M81D	Vessel Doc Number	
Owner Type PERSON	Vessel Value (\$)	Length 24	Fuel Type	Propulsion	Number of Engines / Type /	Total HP
Vessel Owner ANGEL WALTER MONTERA (VICTIM)		Vessel Released To Person		Vessel Released By Officer		

Narrative: INITIAL

Narrative Date/Time 2/25/2026 8:44:11 PM	Narrative Synopsis		
Reporting Officer LADD, JACOB	Officer Rank DEPUTY	Officer ID No S0576	Officer Org/Unit MCSO\DIST 1 MARINE UNIT
Officer Signature 	Officer Agency MONROE COUNTY SO		

On 2/25/2026, I, Deputy Ladd of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to 31532 Avenue G, Big Pine Key in response to a possible stolen boat.

Upon arrival at the scene I made contact with Angel Montera and Jefte Gonzalez Martinez who were both identified by their Florida Drivers License. At the same point, Kimberly Puffenbarger, who was later identified via her Florida DL, was standing on the balcony of the neighbors house. Kimberly stated to me that she saw someone pull up to the property in a white truck that was parked next door and a male exit and board the vessel before leaving at approximately 6:30pm.

I then spoke with Angel. Angel did not speak English and Jefte was able to assist with translation. Angel stated that his boat which was docked at this address was stolen. I asked Angel how he became aware that the vessel was stolen and he stated that he got phone calls today from news media about a vessel that was taken to Cuba and involved in a shooting and people were reaching out to him. The Cuban media sources Angel showed me showed the Florida registration numbers which were FL7726SH which return to Angel's 24ft vessel. Angel stated once he got those messages he came to the vessel dock and contacted law enforcement.

I asked Angel who the truck belongs to and he stated a male named Hector who does tile work for him. A check through FCIC showed the Chevy Truck with the Florida plate of BE49LJ was registered to a Hector Cruz Correa who was verified to be one in the same with who Angel was referring. I asked Angel if he let Hector use the vessel and he stated no.

I then verified that the vessel registration seen in the articles belonged to the same vessel that was shown to me in photographs which it was. At this point I contacted HSI Agent Oleg who put me in contact with other HSI agents and I paused my investigation until they arrived.

After HSI arrival I began to continue my questions with Angel using a translator on the phone provided by HSI. Angel stated that he was doing construction work on the property for exchange of storing his vessel there. Angel stated that he last

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spoke to Hector on Friday and he was trying to get his own personal boat repaired. Angel stated that over the past couple days he has been trying to get in touch with Hector and has not been able to.

Angel was asked when he last saw his vessel to be at the dock and he stated over a week ago. Angel stated he came down this morning and saw his vessel was missing at around 9:30am this morning and that Hector had his truck in the lot. Angel stated he tried to call Hector which was verified through his phone records that he showed us in his call log with no answer. Angel stated he tried multiple other times throughout the day with no success. Angel stated that he believed Hector took his boat to go fishing which he did not have permission to do nor has he ever had permission in the past. Angel stated that when he heard the news he realized what happened he went to the Marathon substation and was told to come to the scene and call into dispatch which he did. Angel stated that he wished to press charges against Hector for the theft of the vessel.

Angel stated that Hector has family in Cuba to include two young daughters who were still in Cuba. Angel was asked about if anything made him suspect the theft and how his last conversations with Hector went. Angel stated that Hector was trying to repair a large boat with twin motors which was having one motor with issues. Angel stated that Hector borrowed a trailer from him which he put another large vessel on that he was trying to repair as well. Angel was unsure of why he was trying to repair these vessels. The vessels that Hector put on trailers are both still at Angel's storage unit at 30230 Paradise Lane in Big Pine Key.

Narrative: SUPPLEMENT

Narrative Date/Time 2/26/2026 9:24:21 AM		Narrative Synopsis VESSEL THEFT SUPP		
Reporting Officer DEP. O'NEILL-COTTLE	Officer Rank DEPUTY	Officer ID No S0788	Officer Org/Unit MCSODIST 1 ROAD PATROL	
Officer Signature 		Officer Agency MONROE COUNTY SO		

On 02/25/2026, at approximately 5:30PM, I responded to 31532 Ave G, Big Pine Key, in reference to a vessel theft Dep. Ladd had already responded to.

Upon arrival I met with Dep. Ladd who was already speaking with the victim, Angel Walter Montera (FL DL [REDACTED]) and his employee Jefte Gonzalez Martinez (FL DL [REDACTED]) Angel had reported that a vessel he is allowed to dock at the address was taken. The lot where this occurred was empty and in the process of being built on.

While Dep. Ladd was obtaining information from Angel and Jefte, I went to 31315 Ave G, the property next to where the vessel was taken from to interview the residents.

There I met with Paul Daniel Puffenbarger (FL DL [REDACTED]) and Kimberly Maria Puffenbarger (FL DL [REDACTED]) whose house has both camera and window view of the next door property and the slip the stolen vessel was moored to.

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Paul stated the following:

His property has cameras on the front of the house viewing Ave. G as well as on the rear that view their slip with their vessel. This camera at the rear of the house was able to see the Bimini top of stolen vessel but did not have a clear view of the entire vessel due to a palm tree obstructing. The camera at the front of the house was able to see the white 2026 Chevy bearing FL tag BE49LJ drive up to the property and park in the lot. He noted that all the camera footage from the cameras around his house are saved to a DVR and are stored for a week. He would compile and sort the footage of the white Chevy truck arriving and the time when the vessel left.

Speaking with Kimberly she stated the following:

Around 6:30PM, on 02/24/2025, she wasn't too sure of the time because she was more focused on making dinner, she noticed a white pickup truck arrive on the property next door to her house. The window in the kitchen where she was cooking has a clear view of the need door property as well as the vessel that was docked to the slip on the property at the time. She noted to her husband that a single male got out of the white truck and boarded the vessel. She found it odd that there was someone taking the vessel out since the owner, Angel, is known by her and Paul and he doesn't usually go out this late. She did not make too much of a mental note of the time because Paul told her Angel was probably having the vessel serviced.

After speaking with Paul and Kimberly, two HSI agents and I attempted to contact the residents of 31556 Ave. F, 31555 Ave. F, and 31515 Ave. F as these were housed that Paul and Kimberly stated could possibly have cameras looking at the canal where the vessel was docked.

The first house, 31555 Ave. F, was home to two elderly adults and their son Bob who was from California and staying at the house to care for his parents. Bob stated that he was not aware of any cameras on the property and did not believe his parents would have been able to see anything as they are infirmed. The second house, 31515 Ave. F, was home to an older couple who stated that they only lived there 3 months out of the year and they share the house with other family of theirs. The couple did not have access to the cameras nor did they believe that the cameras faced the canal or would have seen the vessel leave. The last house, 31556 Ave. F, was unoccupied but the owner was able to be reached out to by phone. Upon speaking with the owner of the house he stated that he has several cameras spread out around his property but upon checking the footage from the afternoon prior, approximately 6:30PM, on 02/24/2025 he was not able to find anything relating to a vessel moored to the property on Ave. G leaving by way of the canal.

Following this canvas I provided both Paul and Kimberly statement forms which they filled out and swore to. I also gave Paul a contact number and email as he had stated that he would provide footage of the white Chevy truck arriving and possibly footage of the vessel leaving from where it was moored.

This concluded my involvement in the incident.

BWC active.

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Sup #	Officer Name Rank / ID #	Involvement On Report / Reporting Role	Officer Agency Org/Unit
01	BARRIOS, DONALD LIEUTENANT 0359		MONROE COUNTY SO MCSO1DIST 1 LT
01	LADD, JACOB DEPUTY S0576	REPORTING OFFICER	MONROE COUNTY SO MCSO1DIST 1 MARINE UNIT
01	DEP. O'NEILL-COTTLE DEPUTY S0788		MONROE COUNTY SO MCSO1DIST 1 ROAD PATROL

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the narratives associated with this report:

Officer: Reporting Officer (Supplement01)

Officer Name LADD, JACOB	Office Rank DEPUTY	Officer ID No S0576	Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the _____ day of _____, _____ DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
Officer Agency MONROE COUNTY SO	Officer Signature 		