

To: Mayor Nick Batos
Village Manager Steve Sarkozy

From: Captain Keith Day

Re: Estero News

9/7 - 9/13

- Residents living in Bella Terra community contacted LCSO to say "thank you" for the additional law enforcement traffic enforcement this week.
- LCSO conducted speed enforcement along Corkscrew Rd. This included stopping several dump trucks for miscellaneous violations.
- LCSO smart machines were deployed along Three Oaks Parkway and Corkscrew Road.
- Deployed LCSO marked patrol car in Miromar, Gulf Coast and Coconut Point Malls to help deter shoplifting. (SENT)

9/16 - 9/18

- Speed machines were deployed on Corkscrew Road and River Ranch Road.
- Deployed LCSO marked patrol car at Walmart on Estero Parkway and Miromar Outlet Mall to show presence and help deter shoplifting.
- Target traffic enforcement done along Corkscrew Road between Ben Hill Griffin Parkway and Alico Road.
- Heavy patrol presence especially in the Bella Terra entrances to Corkscrew Rd.
- 21 Tickets / Warnings issued in Estero.

9/19 - 9/25

- Speed machines deployed on Estero Parkway and Williams Road east of US41
- Walmart reported a burglary to the garden center, water and drinks were taken
- Old Corkscrew Golf Club reported a burglary, small safe stolen
- Burglary reported to a construction trailer on Tuscany Park Drive (construction site) tools taken
- Speed / traffic enforcement conducted along Corkscrew Road
- Speed / traffic enforcement conducted near "Bella Terra community" and "The Preserve" at main entrances
- 23 tickets/warnings issued in Estero

9/26 - 10/10

- Shoplifting reported at "PAC SUN" retailer at Miromar Outlet Mall
- Heavy area checks continue to be conducted along with decoy vehicle deployment at Coconut and Miromar Mall

- Vehicle burglary was reported at Coconut Pt Mall during the daytime, clothes stolen from car that was just purchased
- Shoplifting reported at the Coconut Pt Mall, business named "Sephora" two suspects captured on video
- Traffic crash involving a motorcycle and two pedestrians occurred at South Tamiami Trail and Corkscrew Rd. (serious injuries)
- Estero High School Leadership Class visited the Sheriff's Office South District substation
- Residential burglary reported on Rookery Drive. Detectives responded and have assumed the investigation
- Shoplifting reported at "Quick Silver" in the Miromar Outlet Mall. Leads have been developed for a suspect
- Heavy area checks and traffic enforcement continue on Corkscrew Road near the Bella Terra community
- 28 traffic tickets written and 83 traffic warnings written in Estero.

10/11 - 10/15

- Three car burglaries reported at Miromar Outlet Mall. Two entered with no force, one entered with force. Extra patrols being completed. Detectives are investigating.
- Adult male arrested in the parking lot of Walmart for huffing a aerosol can.
- Adult male arrested at Koreshan State Park for domestic violence.
- Theft of jewelry reported from a residence on Corkscrew Shores Blvd, suspect(s) believed to be sub-contractors working in the house.
- Residential burglary reported at a residence in Copper Oaks community. Arrest was made for the offense.
- Speed machine placed on Three Oaks Parkway.
- Traffic enforcement along Corkscrew Road, Three Oaks Parkway, Estero Parkway and US 41. Traffic tickets and warnings issued.

10/16 - 11/5

- Pro-active traffic enforcement conducted in Estero along South Tamiami Trail. The focus was on speeders and red light runners. Several stops were made at the intersection of Williams Road.
- Vehicle burglary and strong armed robbery reported at Miromar Outlet Mall.
- Decoy vehicles have been placed at Miromar Outlet Mall along with increased area checks and roll-calls to help with the recent crimes reported at this location.
- Arrest was made on an adult male for residential burglaries reported on Rookery drive and in the Copper Oaks community. This subject does not live in Estero but is a resident in the city of Fort Myers.
- Burglary operation conducted at Miromar Outlet Mall
- Two adult males have been identified for several car burglaries at Miromar Outlet Mall, charges have been generated and suspects are being sought. Both men are from the Miami area.
- Estero Bay Chevrolet reported wheels stolen from their business, detectives working the case no suspects developed thus far.

- Traffic enforcement was conducted along Corkscrew Road near the Bella Terra Community. Speeding vehicles and commercial trucks were the focus. Seven (7) tickets were issued and fifteen (15) warnings were written. One criminal traffic violation was discovered during the operation.
- Traffic stops were completed on Williams Road monitoring the "right turn only" sign behind the CVS plaza.

11/6 – 12/7

- Two vehicle burglaries reported on Horne Lane, no suspects developed at this time. (Residence)
- Car burglary reported at 20340 Corkscrew Road. (Residence)
- Deputies located a homeless camp behind the Embassy Suites in Estero. Stolen property was located at the location from a burglary in Fort Myers. Investigation is on-going.
- Car burglary reported at the Ruby Tuesday restaurant in Estero (purse stolen).
- Theft of a computer reported by a guest at the Hyatt Regency.
- Washer and dryer were reported stolen from a residence under construction in the "Colony".
- Deputies completed 13 suspicious person intel reports in Estero.
- Deputies worked 34 traffic crashes in Estero.
- Deputies issued 34 traffic citations and 141 written warning citations in Estero.
- Heavy area checks were completed at the shopping malls during the holiday.
- No significant events to report.
- No noticeable crime trends.

Mike Scott
Office of the Sheriff



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To: Village of Estero City Counsel Members

From: Lieutenant Dennis Petracca,

Subject: Village of Estero Traffic Survey Analysis Report

A study of vehicle traffic speed and volume was conducted on various primary roadways within the Village of Estero utilizing the STALKER speed measurement trailer. The unit was deployed in the following locations, Three Oaks Pkwy monitoring north and southbound traffic, Estero Pkwy monitoring east and westbound traffic, Corkscrew Rd monitoring east and westbound traffic and US 41 monitoring north and southbound traffic. The days and times varied as to the placement at each location. The primary goal during this survey was to gather and document limited traffic speeds and vehicle volumes at the designated locations. Based on this study we can determine where and when a more in-depth traffic speed study needs to be conducted.

Below is a synopsis of the results from the speed study:

Estero Pkwy eastbound, the speed trailer was set up between Three Oaks Pkwy and US 41, the speed limit is 45 MPH, four lane divided roadway with a grass median, designated bike lane and sidewalks.

- Total traffic volume 2,844
- Average speed 47
- Maximum speed 68
- Minimum speed 29
- 85th Percentile 52
- 10MPH Pace 43-52

Estero Pkwy westbound, the speed trailer was set up between Three Oaks Pkwy and US 41, the speed limit is 45 MPH, four lane divided roadway with a grass median, designated bike lane and sidewalks.

- Total traffic volume 3308
- Average speed 45
- Maximum speed 71
- Minimum speed 20
- 85th Percentile 50
- 10MPH Pace 41-50

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Three Oaks Pkwy southbound, the speed trailer was placed between Estero Pkwy and Corkscrew Rd, the speed limit is 45 MPH, four lane divided roadway with a grass median, designated bike lane and sidewalks.

- Total traffic volume 5218
- Average speed 48
- Maximum speed 72
- Minimum speed 20
- 85th Percentile 53
- 10MPH Pace 44-53

Three Oaks Pkwy northbound, the speed trailer was placed between Estero Pkwy and Corkscrew Rd, the speed limit is 45 MPH, four lane divided roadway with a grass median, designated bike lane and sidewalks. (Note this survey was a 6 day study not 1 day like the others)

- Total traffic volume 22588
- Average speed 47
- Maximum speed 83
- Minimum speed 12
- 85th Percentile 51
- 10MPH Pace 43-52

Corkscrew Rd westbound, the speed trailer was placed between Ben Hill Griffin Pkwy and Stoneybrook Golf Dr, the speed limit is 45 MPH, two lane divided roadway with a grass median, designated bike lane and sidewalks.

- Total traffic volume 8125
- Average speed 43
- Maximum speed 70
- Minimum speed 14
- 85th Percentile 49
- 10MPH Pace 39-48

Corkscrew Rd eastbound, the speed trailer was placed between Ben Hill Griffin Pkwy and Stoneybrook Golf Dr, the speed limit is 45 MPH, two lane divided roadway with a grass median, designated bike lane and sidewalks.

- Total traffic volume 7510
- Average speed 46
- Maximum speed 72
- Minimum speed 12
- 85th Percentile 51
- 10MPH Pace 42-51

US 41 northbound, the speed trailer was placed between Estero Pkwy and Breckenridge Dr, the speed limit is 50 MPH, six lane divided roadway with a grass median, designated bike lane and sidewalks.

- Total traffic volume 4526
- Average speed 43
- Maximum speed 75
- Minimum speed 14
- 85th Percentile 52
- 10MPH Pace 40-49

US 41 southbound, the speed trailer was placed between Estero Pkwy and Breckenridge Dr, the speed limit is 50 MPH, six lane divided roadway with a grass median, designated bike lane and sidewalks.

- Total traffic volume 6492
- Average speed 44
- Maximum speed 73
- Minimum speed 16
- 85th Percentile 52
- 10MPH Pace 42-51

85th percentile speed – the speed at or below which 85 percent of vehicles travel is typically used as a starting point for setting a rational limit but it may be set as low as the average speed based on other factors. Department of Transportation utilizes the 85th percentile to set the speed limits appropriately within jurisdictions.

After reviewing the survey documents the speeds are within the average of 1-5 MPH above the posted speed limit. I do not see any major speed issues in the areas during the speed studies. Based on this information it appears the majority of the locations are within the average. The majority of the roadway designs that the speed trailer was set up are straight and level.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office will continue to utilize the speed measuring trailer in the same locations for approximately seven (7) days in each location to determine if or when additional enforcement is needed. The data will provide the times and days allowing us to utilize our resources more effectively.

If you need to refer to traveling between 1-5 MPH above the posted speed limit please utilize Florida State Statute 318.18. It states that law enforcement can only issue a warning unless it is in a school or construction zone.

Thank you,
Lt. Dennis Petracca