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Memorial remembers, honors fallen officers

KEY WEST — This month, the Key West Police Department and Monroe County Sheriff's Office joined together to remember those officers who made the supreme sacrifice in serving their communities with the annual Law Enforcement Memorial Day ceremony.

The well-attended ceremony, held in Bayview Park, included the traditional wreath laying, a gun salute, prayer, and the reading of the roll of Florida officers killed on-duty over the past year.

Special remembrance was reserved for Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy Frank Adams, killed in 1901, Key West



Photos by Christie Phillips

MCSO Deputy Martha Padron, left, and KWPD Ofc. Eric DeFilippo flank the memorial wreath at this year's ceremony.

Police Officer Clarence Till, 1904, Sheriff's Game Warden Guy Bradley, 1905, Key West Police Officer Norman Drew, 1975, Sheriff's deputies

David Cormier and Michael Alexander, 1980 and 1998 respectively, and Detective Piskator, who died on-duty in 2006. □



From left, Ofc. Ashley Clevenger, Ofc. Michael Shouldice, Ofc. Christine Coker, Lt. David Smith, Det. Diane Lipinski, Ofc. Janeth Del Cid and DEP Park Police Officer Kyle Mason.



Chief Bill Mauldin addresses the audience gathered at this year's memorial. Sheriff Rick Roth is seated to the left.

Honor Guard in state, federal ceremonies

KEY WEST — The Key West Police Department's Honor Guard performed admirably at this year's Florida Fraternal Order of Police Memorial Service this month in Tallahassee.

The Key West Honor Guard had the proud distinction of serving as the ceremony's rifle team, firing off the show stopping 21-gun salute.

Representing the entire city, they served in honor of Detective John Piskator, who was the first officer to die in the line of duty in the state of Florida in 2006.

"The Honor Guard did a wonderful job," said Chief Bill Mauldin, who traveled to Tallahassee to attend the ceremonies. "I received many comments from people in attendance about how professional they looked."

Most of the group then traveled to Washington, D.C. later in



The Honor Guard in Tallahassee. From left, Officers Eric DeFilippo, Areaka Jewell, Christine Coker, Detective Diane Lipinski, Officers Michael Shouldice, Dan Jones, Sergeant Robert Currul, Officers Ashley Clevenger, Janeth Del Cid and Matt Klosowski.

Photos courtesy of Robert Currul

the month to participate in National Police Week at the National Law Enforcement Memorial, where Det. Piskator's

name was engraved on the national memorial wall. His name was also engraved on the state memorial wall in

Tallahassee.

In D.C., members of the Honor Guard took turns standing vigil at the memorial candle after the vigil and guarded the wreath after the national memorial.

Ofc. Steve Torrence had the only speaking role in the wreath laying ceremony at the National Memorial when he gave the prayer to honor the wreath and explain its meaning.

"Six of us also had the opportunity to speak with Eric and Nathan Piskator," said Sgt. Robert Currul, who is in charge of the Honor Guard. "The conversation and contact with John's family was extremely

touching and emotional for everyone.

"During several of the events in D.C., we were approached by officers and deputies who were at the memorial in Tallahassee. They asked

if we were part of the team that was in Tallahassee and told us how awesome our performance there was.

"These trips were a great honor for the Honor Guard, as it was the first time we performed outside of Key West in the last eight or more years," Sgt. Currul said. "We were all really excited about these trips, and it was great to represent the city at these events." □



Key West goes to Washington, D.C. From left, Ofc. Christine Coker, Ofc. Janeth Del Cid, Det. Diane Lipinski, Florida Department of Law Enforcement Agent Dennis Haley, Sgt. Robert Currul, Ofc. Michael Shouldice and Ofc. Steve Torrence.



Four KWPD Officers Ride in 2007 Police Unity Tour

At top, representatives from police departments around the country convened for the ride. Below, Det. John Piskator's name engraved on the national memorial wall. Below left, Ofc. Donny Barrios gives a thumbs up. At left, from left, Miami Firefighter Pam Lillard and Key West Police Officers Bradley Lariz, Donny Barrios, Kelly Thomas and Jose Fernandez outside the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.



Special Ops finds grow house, 754g marijuana

KEY WEST — The Key West Police Department's Special Operations Unit uncovered a home marijuana grow house this month, seizing 754 grams of marijuana from the residence and arresting the cultivator, who said he learned how to grow the plant from articles on the Internet.

Jesse Pape Bullock, 21, was charged with cultivating marijuana within 1,000 feet of a school and possession of drug paraphernalia after detectives found 27 plants in his residence.

Special Ops detectives were first alerted to Bullock's activities by an anonymous Crime Stoppers tipster.

Detectives began to

investigate the tip information, and found enough probable cause to obtain a search warrant for the residence. Once inside, detectives found:

- An indoor grow house operation, which included artificial light in the form of high-intensity light bulbs
- Fluorescent lights
- Fans for ventilation
- A timer and thermometer
- A variety of soil nutrients
- Twenty seven live plants in various stages of growth

"These items were found in a makeshift indoor grow operation in a hollowed-out wooden closet that showed obvious signs of marijuana cultivation," said Special

Ops Sergeant Bernardo Barrios.

"Also seized were a variety of marijuana smoking devices, or bongs, and other types of drug paraphernalia within the residence."

Special Ops detectives dismantled the indoor grow house operation prior to leaving the residence, and two other occupants found on-scene were issued Notice to Appear citations for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bullock later told detectives that he learned how to grow marijuana from articles on the Internet.

This arrest is part of a larger operation, entitled Where's the Weed?, which began early this year and is targeting indoor grow operations similar to this one. □



Photos by Kristy Ondrey

Above, Administrative Supervisor Mary Canalejo receives her Civilian of the Quarter award from Chief Bill Mauldin. Below, Detective Diane Lipinski accepts her Officer of the Quarter award from Chief Mauldin and Albertsons General Manager Newton Beaver. Albertsons was the official sponsor of this quarter's officer and civilian awards.



Photo courtesy of Special Ops

Two of the marijuana plants seized from the house in the 2800 block of Staples Avenue.

Fundraiser for Tommy Anglin

KEY WEST — The Key West Police Department is hosting a special fundraising event for Officer Tommy Anglin at Boondocks on Saturday, June 16.

Ofc. Anglin has spent the last six months battling cancer, his second brush with the disease since 2003. He has spent endless hours undergoing extreme chemotherapy and suffering long weeks of pain and frustration.

Please join the KWPD in support of Ofc. Anglin on Saturday June 16 from 1-5 p.m. There will be live music performances, food and beverages, 50/50 raffles, t-shirt sales and a silent auction as well as demonstrations by the department's K-9 division and cavalry unit, and a helicopter landing. All proceeds will go towards Ofc. Anglin's extensive medical bills. □