



MARINE ON ST. CROIX

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NO HOLIDAYS FOR SCAMMERS

This December the Washington County Sheriff's Office saw a spike in fraud calls, including the grandparents scam, when fraudsters prey on older citizens by posing as attorneys or bail companies to extract cash to supposedly get a grandchild or relative out of jail. In several cases, Washington County residents lost thousands — in one extreme case \$57,000. In most instances, scammers demand quick payment and send couriers to pick up the cash, often using a rideshare, and once the cash is gone, it's nearly impossible to get back. Some tips to avoid falling for any scam:

- Slow down and resist pressure to act quickly.
- Try to directly contact the family member or company cited by the caller.
- Never offer any information, like names or financial accounts, to the caller.
- Press the caller for details.
- Create a family safe word to help verify a family member's identity.

Anyone who believes they've been a victim of this scam or others should call the Washington County Sheriff's Office. "The more people who come forward, the more information we have. There's no need to be embarrassed," said Det. Cooper Valesano. "These scammers are really good. They're preying on people's emotions."

NUMBER
OF INCIDENTS

10

TRAFFIC
STOPS

6

LOGGED
AREA
CHECKS

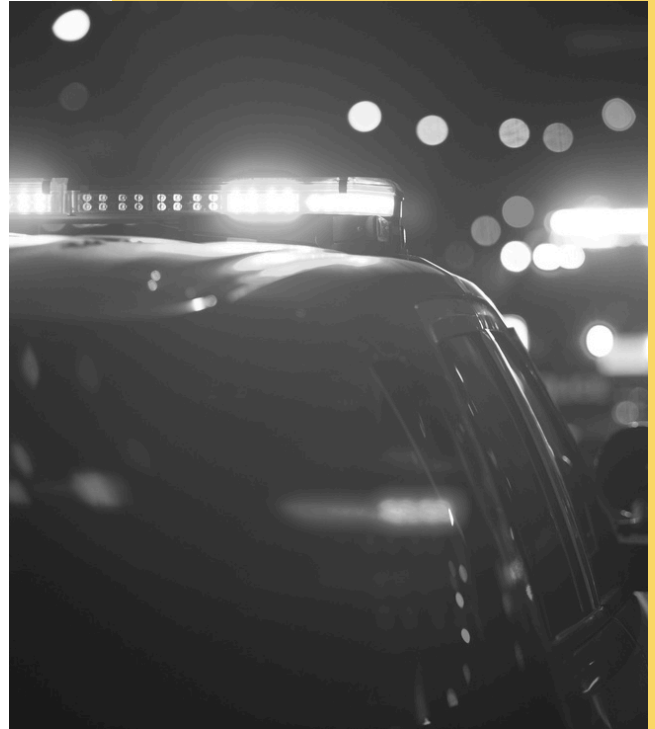
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WC24069295

ACCIDENT

16XXX ST. CROIX TRAIL N

On Dec. 25 at 5:13pm, a deputy was dispatched to a car-vs.-deer accident. Upon arrival, the deputy was met by the driver, who was uninjured. The driver reported hitting the brakes when the deer ran out in front of the vehicle but being unable to avoid hitting the deer square on. Upon impact, the airbags deployed. The SUV appeared to be totaled and had to be towed from the scene. Several pieces of debris in the roadway were being cleared by passersby with brooms. The deer was deceased and was moved into the ditch. The driver declined medical attention and was able to get a ride home.



MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



At the end of each year, we pause to recognize some of the outstanding and heroic actions of our Sheriff's Office team. Unfortunately, this year's ceremony had to be postponed due to the year's first significant winter storm. Nonetheless, we wanted to let you know about these exceptional public servants.

This year's Life Saving Awards went to Sgt. Joseph Zerwas, for his actions on a young man who was struck by a vehicle and severely bleeding; Deputy Abimael Hernandez, who lifted off an ATV that flipped onto an unresponsive child and performed CPR and applied AED; Deputy Rebecca Dziki, who rushed into a burning building and removed a man from a second story apartment; Deputy Danielle DuRand, who delivered Narcan, performed CPR and applied AED and on an unresponsive victim; and Deputy Rebecca Dziki, Deputy Dylan Xiong, Telecommunicator Ryan Gilman and a citizen, who teamed up to perform CPR and provide oxygen therapy and AED shocks to a man having a cardiac event.

We're so proud of all the courageous men and women who serve our county. Well done, team!

In service,

Sheriff Dan Starry

Total for City MARINE ON SAINT CROIX: 10

| Incident Date | Case# | Address | Event Description |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 12/2/2024 6:24:50 PM | WC24065216 | Saint Croix Trl N / Judd St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | ACCIDENT |
| 12/6/2024 11:47:22 AM | WC24065927 | 1XXX Quant Ave N, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | FOLLOW UP |
| 12/10/2024 10:49:20 PM | WC24066745 | XXX Rose St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | MEDICAL |
| 12/14/2024 12:42:16 AM | WC24067399 | XXX West Maher Dr, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | MEDICAL |
| 12/19/2024 1:53:38 PM | WC24068359 | XXX Parker St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | 911 ABANDONED/HANGUP/OPEN LINE |
| 12/23/2024 3:28:51 AM | WC24068944 | XXX Pine St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | INCIDENT |
| 12/24/2024 11:23:52 AM | WC24069133 | 1XXX Quant Ave N, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | ANIMAL COMPLAINT |
| 12/25/2024 5:13:06 PM | WC24069295 | 16XXX Saint Croix Trl N, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | ACCIDENT |
| 12/29/2024 2:15:57 PM | WC24069922 | XXX 5th St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | ANIMAL COMPLAINT |
| 12/30/2024 11:34:07 AM | WC24070042 | XXX Rosabelle St, MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | 911 ABANDONED/HANGUP/OPEN LINE |

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Results (2 unique records)

| Number | Case Number | Officer | Street Address | Cross Street | City | Violation | Type | Created On | Officer Involvement |
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| 820020243772 | WC24053742 | Reiter, Gregory W WC169 | 17000 OLINDA TRL N | | MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | 169A.20.1(5) Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle - Alcohol Concentration 0.08 Within 2 Hours | MOVING VIOLATIO N | Dec 27, 2024, 8:22:01 AM | REPORT |
| 820020243772 | WC24053742 | Reiter, Gregory W WC169 | 17000 OLINDA TRL N | | MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | 169A.20.1(1) Traffic - DWI - Operate Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol | MOVING VIOLATIO N | Dec 27, 2024, 8:22:01 AM | REPORT |
| 820020243502 | WC24064543 | Swenson, Patrick S WC14940 | St Croix Trl N/Parker St | JUDD ST/BERKEY ST | MARINE ON SAINT CROIX | 169.14.2(a) Traffic - Speeding - Exceed Limit | MOVING VIOLATIO N | Dec 2, 2024, 10:45:07 AM | REPORT |