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Dear Friend,

At the Polk County Sheriff's Office, our motto is "Pride in Service." You will see this motto displayed on our marked patrol units, and in all of our facilities. Each month when we hire new members, I tell each and every one of them to treat all of our customers, even the ones who break the law, as if that person were a family member. Recently, three of our deputies proved to everyone that they took this message to heart.

On Thursday, July 31st, a local Bay News 9 reporter contacted one of our Public Information Officers (PIO) about an email the station had received from a Lakeland resident, Diana Marchione. Diana's email to Bay News 9 said that she was fighting terminal cancer and that her husband had left her, with no money or food. She called PCSO to report the abuse of an elderly person.

Three deputies arrived - Deputy Sheriff Brian Kesler, Deputy Sheriff Gwen Clark, and Gwen's trainee, Deputy Sheriff Maria Catello. After talking with her and explaining that no crime had been committed, the deputies gave Ms. Marchione some pamphlets and paperwork for social services and helped her make some phone calls to get some help. After learning that Ms. Marchione wasn't going to be paid her Social Security disability for two more days, and after seeing she literally had no food in her home, the deputies left the house and drove to the nearby Aldi grocery store.

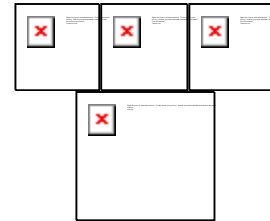
The deputies had skillfully extracted enough information from Ms. Marchione about what type of food she liked to eat, without letting her know why. Then they pooled their own hard-earned money together and bought her some groceries.

When they drove back to her house to deliver the goodwill, Ms. Marchione was overcome with emotion, and began crying.

Sheriff Grady Judd



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Later she decided to tell Bay News 9 about it, because, in her own words, "I was tired of always hearing about bad cops in the media, I wanted there to be a story about good cops."

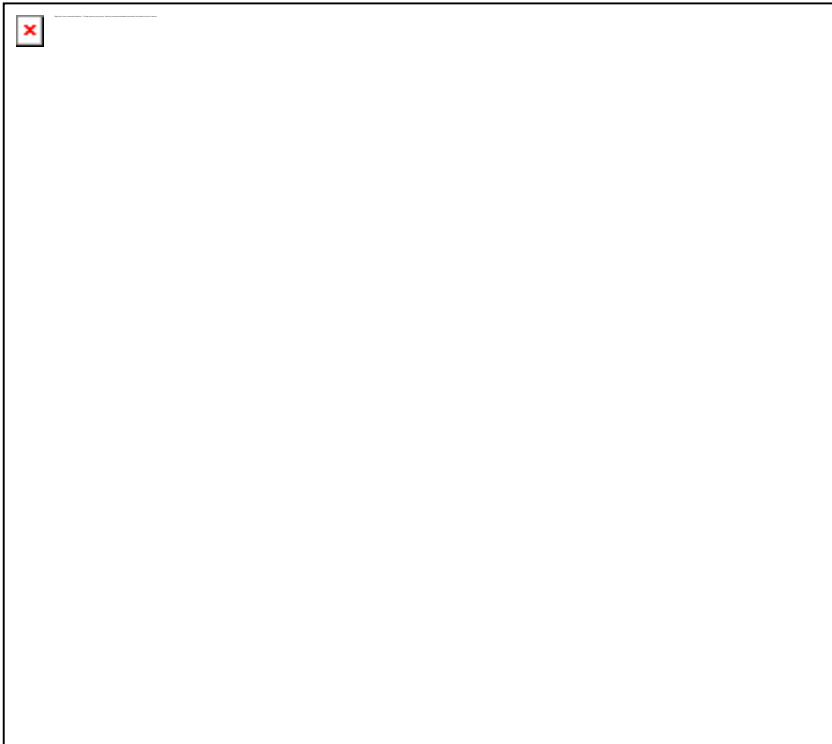
The PIO who got the request from Bay News 9 first had to figure out which deputies did this wonderful deed. When she identified them, she learned from their supervisors that the deputies hadn't told anyone what they had done. They were simply treating Ms. Marchione as if she were their mother, or grandmother. The PIO then arranged for Bay News 9 to meet with Ms. Marchione and the deputies at her home, to talk about this amazing act of kindness.

We are so grateful to Ms. Marchione for sharing her story with us, and with the media. Those of us in law enforcement choose this profession so that we can help others, often without thanks or notoriety. It is humbling when our citizens go out of their way to thank us, and to let others know about our good deeds.

I couldn't be more proud of Deputies Kesler, Clark, and Catello for what they did to make a positive difference in Ms. Marchione's life. Likewise, I know there are 600 other deputies out there, making a positive difference in our citizens' lives.

Grady Judd, Sheriff

Cold Case Unit Solves 27-Year-Old Homicide



On August 27, 2014, the Polk County Sheriff's Homicide Unit solved a 27-year-old PCSO cold case homicide with the arrest of 64-year-old Carl Junior McCauley, who currently resides in Sandusky, Ohio. The victim, Karen Ann Watson, was found stabbed to death in her home in Lake Alfred on March 24, 1987. She was 41 years old at the time of her murder.

According to the affidavit, on March 24, 1987, Charles Watson, Karen's husband, arrived home from work around 1:30 p.m. and found his wife's body on the living room couch in their home (located at 1103 Old Polk City Road in Lake Alfred) with multiple stab wounds. Her death was ruled a homicide, and the autopsy revealed that Karen had had sexual intercourse just prior to her death. The crime scene was processed and evidence was collected. Eyewitnesses reported possibly seeing a white male wearing some sort of uniform shirt in the neighborhood during the time frame of the murder, and a beige-over-gold car at the Watson home.

In 1989, detectives interviewed Jacqueline McCauley, whose name had come up as a friend of the Watsons. When she was interviewed, she told detectives that both she and her husband knew the Watsons and had been to their home. Carl McCauley was employed by Adam's Lumber Company at the time. The company confirmed that Carl did not come to work on March 24, 1987. Employees of the company also wore blue uniform shirts. Carl drove a beige-over-gold Chevy Nova at that time.

Through further investigation, detectives learned that the McCauleys were seen arguing at the Dew Drop Inn bar in Lake Alfred on the morning of March 24, 1987, approximately 6.6 miles south of the crime scene. Carl was not located or interviewed by detectives at that time.

On June 3, 2014, PCSO cold case homicide detectives located Carl McCauley in Sandusky, Ohio, and traveled there to interview him. McCauley told detectives that he had never been inside the Watson's home, and denied having a sexual relationship with Karen Watson. Detectives collected a DNA sample from McCauley and brought the sample back to Florida.

McCauley's DNA was sent to the FDLE lab for DNA analysis and comparisons. On June 27, 2014, PCSO received the lab results, and the comparison of McCauley's DNA was a positive match for two separate samples of DNA left at the crime scene that was collected after Karen's murder.

After interviewing McCauley, detectives also interviewed a girlfriend of his who told them that McCauley told her he had been interviewed by Florida detectives about the homicide of a woman with whom he had had sex, but did not kill. This is in direct contradiction with statements McCauley made to

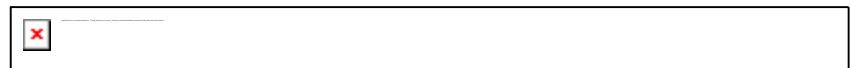
detectives that he had never been in Karen's home, and had not had sex with her.

On August 27, 2014, PCSO obtained an arrest warrant for Carl Junior McCauley. The Sandusky Police Department conducted surveillance on McCauley until PCSO detectives arrived, and together the two agencies placed him under arrest without incident. Post-Miranda, McCauley told detectives that he had had sex with Karen Watson, but did not kill her. He then asked to speak with an attorney.

McCauley has been charged with First Degree Murder, and he will be extradited to Polk County to face this charge.

The PCSO Homicide Unit has enjoyed a 100% clearance of all homicide cases in the past six years, and has solved five cold cases in the past two years. Our detectives are simply the best!

Our New Neighbors



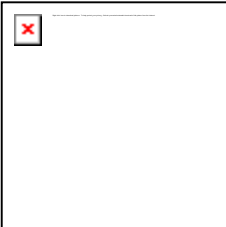
On Thursday, August 21, 2014, Polk State College officially broke ground on the new Kenneth C. Thompson Institute for Public Safety (KCTIPS) - right in the Sheriff's Office front yard!

The 10 acres of land on Jim Keene Blvd in Winter Haven was donated by the Polk County Board of County Commissioners in 2012, and will house the KCTIPS certificate and associate's degree programs in Criminal Justice Technology.

Thank you to everyone who came to the ceremony to see history in the making.

Shopping With A Cause

Do you shop on Amazon.com? If you're like millions of other Americans, you probably do. And with the holidays just around the corner, we'd like to tell you about how you can turn your online shopping into donations to our charity, Polk Sheriff's Charities, Inc.



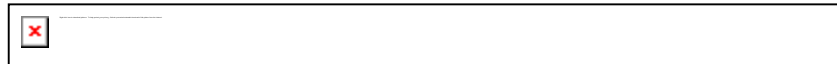
We recently partnered with Amazon Smile, an organization that is committed to donating a portion of Amazon's proceeds to worthwhile causes. Here's how it works: [Click this link to join Amazon Smile](#) and select Polk Sheriff's Charities as your charity of choice. It's that easy.

Now, when you log into your Amazon account and make those online purchases, a portion of the profit Amazon would otherwise receive instead goes to our charity. The money does NOT come out of your pocket. It's simply Amazon's way of giving back to the community.

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ALS Ice Bucket Challenge Goes Viral

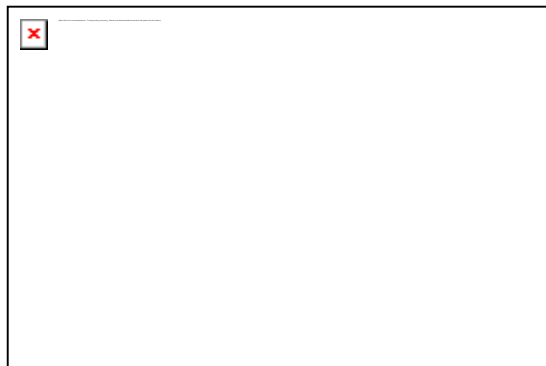
The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, which has gone viral on social media and mainstream media, hit Polk County too, and yes even Grady Judd was challenged - and he accepted.



Sheriff Judd has a friend who died from ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and he was all too happy to be doused with freezing cold ice water by a couple of deputies, and then write a check to the ALS Association. In turn, Sheriff Judd then challenged BOCC Chairman Todd Dantzler, County Manager Jim Freeman, and Deputy County Manager Gary Hester - they all three accepted the challenge too.

Distracted Driving Is Deadly

With the latest focus on texting and driving, and the recent legislature making texting and driving an enforceable secondary traffic offense in Florida, driver safety at the forefront of the news.



To those of us in law enforcement, however, distracted driving has always been an issue, and one that is difficult to enforce.

Distracted driving includes the following: talking on a cell phone, reaching across your seat, turning to look at someone in your backseat, putting on makeup, fiddling with the radio - all of these things have been occurring inside vehicles for years. Distracted driving is not a new phenomenon to those of us in law enforcement who work traffic crashes. It's an ongoing problem, and it's a serious one.

Yes, life is busy, and we all have a lot on our plates, and on our minds. But if there's one message we could convey to drivers everywhere, it's this: When you are driving, the ONLY thing you should be focused on, is driving. It's that simple.

We recently worked a traffic fatality where the driver of the at-fault vehicle crossed over the double-yellow center line and hit an oncoming car head-on, instantly killing the driver of the other car. The at-fault driver walked away from the scene, with no injuries. The at-fault driver's reason for crossing over into oncoming traffic, by his own admission, was that he was reaching down to grab a drink that was falling. Our investigation is still ongoing, so we haven't made formal charges yet, but think about this: can any penalty we put on that driver even compare to how he is going to feel for the rest of his life about taking another's life? Yes, it was a mistake, but it was a life-changing mistake that everyone involved, all of the loved ones who have been impacted, have to live with forever.

We know that in the spur of a moment, you do care about such things as drinks falling inside your car, ruining your carpet or upholstery. But is that more important than ruining a life? Ruining an entire family's life? I say, no mess is worth it. No telephone conversation or text message is worth it.

So, what's our advice for being a better driver? Take one minute to think about how nervous you were that day when you were about 16 years old, taking your driving test, hoping that you would pass so that you could get your license. You should be just as nervous getting behind the wheel today as you were back then. You should take every trip just as seriously as that driver's test. After all, you are operating a lethal weapon. Everything you do behind the wheel affects other people. The minute you put your car into drive, you are risking your life, and the lives of others. That's exactly how serious you should be about it.

If we all took the time to be patient, be aware, pay attention, and make driving a vehicle the most important thing we are doing at that moment, there would be less crashes, and less fatalities.

Together, we can make a positive difference. Be safe out there.

Speaking of Safe Driving.....



Did you know that motor vehicle crashes are the #1 killer of children in the United States (according to Safe Kids Worldwide)? The best way to protect children in the vehicle is to put them in **the right seat, at the right time, and use it the right way,**

whether it is a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt system.

The problem occurs when parents think their car seat is installed correctly or make up excuses as it was just a short trip. Unfortunately, many parents learn the hard way, after a crash and then, it's too late!

Since there are so many car seat types and models, knowing which one is right for your child can be a challenge. The right car seat or booster seat fits your child, fits in your car, and is one you will use correctly every time you travel. In addition to restraining children correctly, set the example by buckling yourself up every time. Not only will your child ride as safely as possible, but you will be establishing the foundation for a lifelong habit of seat belt use every time your child travels.

If you are not sure you are using the car seat or booster seat correctly, please visit the Polk County Sheriff's Office, AAA, and Safe Kids for National Seat Check Saturday on September 20th. The Car Seat Check-up Event will be held from 10 am - 12 pm at the Polk County Tax Collector's Office (916 North Massachusetts Avenue in Lakeland).

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians and Instructors will be available to help parents and caregivers make better informed decisions about car seats by:

- reviewing their child's car seat to make sure it is installed properly,
- ensuring harnesses and retainer clips are positioned correctly on children,
- checking for recalls and expiration dates, and
- answering any additional questions the parent or caregiver might have.

Parents are urged to follow child passenger safety laws as well as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) car seat recommendations which encourage parents and caregivers to keep children in their restraints up to the maximum height and weight allowed. Parents should also refer to the car seat manufacturer's instructions before moving children into the next type of restraint.

For more information, please contact Jennie Burton in the Crime Prevention Section at 863-298-6678 or visit us at www.polksheriff.org.

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