

Chief's Monthly Report – May 2026

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As we move into the summer season, I would like to thank our residents, businesses, and visitors for helping make Belle Isle a safe and welcoming community. May was a busy month for the Belle Isle Police Department, with officers responding to a variety of incidents ranging from traffic crashes and fraud investigations to proactive enforcement efforts and criminal investigations.

I am especially pleased to report that Memorial Day weekend was relatively quiet throughout the city and on our waterways. Our officers conducted additional patrols during the holiday weekend, and residents and visitors alike enjoyed the holiday responsibly.

This month's report highlights the continued dedication of our officers, the value of proactive policing, and the positive impact of technology such as our Flock camera system in assisting investigations and improving public safety. As always, we remain committed to serving our community with professionalism, integrity, and pride.

Thank you for your continued support of the Belle Isle Police Department.

Respectfully,

Chief Travis Grimm
Belle Isle Police Department

Monthly Activity Summary

Boating Citations:	80
Involuntary Exam:	0
Reports	32
Parking Citations	5
Traffic Warnings	74
Traffic Citations	306
Trespass Reports	6
Supplemental Reports	20
Field Information Report	2
Crash Reports	11
Calls for Service	471

Arrests and Notable Incidents

May 1, 2026 – Child Abuse Investigation Determined Unfounded

On May 1, 2026, officers responded to Cornerstone Charter School regarding allegations of child abuse involving a juvenile student. The investigation was conducted in coordination with the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) after the juvenile reported being struck by a parent during a family dispute.

Officers and DCF investigators interviewed the involved juvenile, family members, and a sibling who was present during the incident. During the investigation, conflicting accounts were provided regarding the circumstances leading to a minor injury inside the juvenile's mouth. Investigators also reviewed the child's injury and the family dynamics surrounding the incident.

Based on witness statements, physical observations, and the totality of the investigation, the injury appeared consistent with an accidental brace-related abrasion rather than intentional abuse. No evidence was developed to support criminal charges, and investigators concluded that no crime had occurred. The case was documented and referred to DCF for review. The report was closed as informational.

May 1, 2026 – Hit and Run Arrest Following Rental Car Crash Investigation

On May 1, 2026, officers responded to a rental car business on McCoy Road regarding a hit-and-run crash that occurred in the parking lot. Surveillance footage showed a vehicle backing into a parked rental vehicle, causing visible damage, before leaving the scene without notifying the property owner or reporting the crash.

Through the investigation, officers obtained surveillance footage, witness statements, vehicle information, and identified the driver. After coordinating with another law enforcement agency and conducting follow-up interviews, the driver admitted to being present at the location and operating the vehicle involved in the crash.

Based on the totality of the investigation, officers determined there was probable cause to charge the driver with leaving the scene of a crash involving property damage. The driver was arrested and transported to the Orange County Jail without incident. Evidence, including surveillance footage and photographs, was collected and preserved as part of the investigation.

May 1, 2026 – Child Abuse Arrest Following Runaway Juvenile Investigation

On May 1, 2026, officers responded to an apartment complex on McCoy Road after receiving information that a juvenile who had recently been reported missing was afraid to return home due to physical abuse by her father. During the investigation, officers interviewed the juvenile, family members, and witnesses while working alongside the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Children and Families.

The juvenile reported being struck during disciplinary incidents and showed visible injuries, including welts and bruising to her arms and legs. Photographs documented injuries consistent with repeated strikes from a belt or similar object. During interviews, the father admitted to striking the child and acknowledged becoming overwhelmed while disciplining her. Family members also expressed concerns that the level of force used was unreasonable under the circumstances.

Based on the evidence gathered, officers determined there was probable cause that excessive physical discipline had been used, resulting in physical injury to the child. The father was arrested and transported to the Orange County Jail on child abuse charges. The juvenile was released into the care of a family member, and the Florida Department of Children and Families initiated a separate investigation.

May 3, 2026 – Traffic Stop Results in Arrest for No Driver's License

On May 3, 2026, officers conducting traffic enforcement on Hoffner Avenue initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle after discovering the registered owner did not possess a valid driver's license. During the investigation, officers confirmed the driver had never been issued a driver's license and had been operating the vehicle unlawfully.

The driver admitted he did not possess a driver's license and was identified as the registered owner of the vehicle. Based on the investigation, the driver was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever having been issued a driver's license. The driver was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident. The vehicle was removed from the scene by a licensed driver.

May 4, 2026 – DUI Arrest Following Early Morning Traffic Stop

At approximately 2:15 a.m. on May 4, 2026, an officer conducting traffic enforcement on McCoy Road observed a vehicle driving erratically, including swerving within its lane, crossing roadway markings, accelerating and braking without cause, and nearly entering a marked safety zone occupied by a patrol vehicle. Based on the driving pattern, the officer initiated a traffic stop to investigate whether the driver was impaired or experiencing a medical issue.

Upon contact, the driver displayed multiple indicators of impairment, including slurred speech, glossy eyes, poor balance, and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. The driver declined to participate in field sobriety exercises and was placed under arrest for suspicion of Driving Under the Influence.

The driver was transported to the Orange County DUI Center, where breath testing revealed alcohol concentrations of .194 and .177, both more than twice the legal limit of .08. The driver was charged with Driving Under the Influence and transported for processing. The vehicle was impounded from the scene.

May 4, 2026 – Traffic Stop Leads to Drug Arrest and Seizure of More Than 30 Grams of Cannabis

At approximately 9:45 p.m. on May 4, 2026, an officer conducting traffic enforcement on Daetwyler Drive stopped a vehicle towing an unregistered trailer after observing a speeding violation and equipment-related violations. Upon contact with the driver, the officer immediately detected a strong odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle.

During the investigation, the driver admitted to recently smoking cannabis and voluntarily produced a small amount of cannabis and related packaging. Based on the odor and the driver's statements, a probable cause search of the vehicle was conducted. Officers located a large quantity of cannabis, a cannabis cigarette, drug paraphernalia, and additional containers containing cannabis residue.

The cannabis was field tested and later weighed at the police department, totaling approximately 30.5 grams. The driver was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis over 20 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia, and operating an unregistered vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the evidence was submitted for processing.

May 5, 2026 – Drug Arrest Following Proactive Patrol at Local Business

On May 5, 2026, at approximately 8:26 p.m., an officer conducting proactive patrols in the parking lot of a local business on Hoffner Avenue observed a vehicle filled with smoke and detected a strong odor of cannabis emanating from the area. As the officer approached, the sole occupant quickly exited the vehicle, attempted to discard a cannabis cigarette, and walked away from the vehicle.

During the investigation, officers observed additional cannabis in plain view inside the vehicle and conducted a probable cause search. The search resulted in the discovery of a large quantity of cannabis, loose cannabis residue, and drug-related paraphernalia. The cannabis was field tested and later weighed at the police department, totaling approximately 22.5 grams.

The suspect admitted the cannabis belonged to him and stated he had been smoking prior to entering the nearby gym. Due to the quantity recovered exceeding the legal threshold, the individual was arrested and charged with possession of cannabis over 20 grams. He was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident.

May 6, 2026 – Felon Arrested with Illegal THC Product and Concealed Knife

At approximately 2:15 a.m. on May 6, 2026, an officer conducting proactive patrols at a hotel on McCoy Road observed an unregistered pickup truck parked without a license plate. The sole occupant appeared to be unconscious behind the wheel. As the officer made contact, the driver

awoke in a dazed condition and attempted to place the keys into the ignition before being stopped.

During the investigation, officers detected the odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle. The driver admitted to consuming a THC gummy prior to driving and stated he had pulled into the parking lot after becoming drowsy from its effects. Officers also learned the driver was a convicted felon with a prior burglary conviction.

A search of the driver and vehicle resulted in the discovery of an illegal THC edible and a concealed spring-loaded knife carried on the driver's person. Further investigation confirmed the driver was prohibited from possessing concealed weapons due to his felony conviction. The driver was arrested and charged with possession of tetrahydrocannabinols and possession of a concealed weapon by a convicted felon. He was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident.

May 7, 2026 – Resident Loses More Than \$3,600 in Sophisticated Bank Impersonation Scam

On May 7, 2026, officers met with a Belle Isle resident who reported being the victim of a fraud scheme involving individuals impersonating employees of her financial institution. The victim received text messages and phone calls from suspects who convinced her that her bank account and Social Security number had been compromised.

Believing she was working with legitimate bank representatives, the victim was instructed to withdraw approximately \$3,620 from her account and provide the money to an individual who claimed to be working on behalf of a federal agency to secure her funds. The victim complied and turned the cash over to a driver who met her at the bank.

After the money was transferred, all communication with the suspects ceased. The victim later realized she had been defrauded and contacted law enforcement. Investigators obtained suspect phone numbers, a vehicle description, a license plate number, and a sworn statement from the victim. The case remains under investigation.

This incident serves as an important reminder that financial institutions, government agencies, and law enforcement agencies will never send couriers to collect cash from residents or request that money be withdrawn and transferred to "secure" accounts.

May 7, 2026 – Domestic Violence Arrest Following Family Disturbance

On May 7, 2026, officers responded to a residence on Pleasure Island Road regarding a domestic disturbance involving a couple and their 10-month-old child. Upon arrival, officers separated the involved parties and conducted interviews regarding the incident.

During the investigation, the female involved admitted to striking the male during a verbal argument concerning childcare responsibilities. The male later confirmed that he had been struck

and stated that he physically separated himself from the situation before leaving the residence. Investigators also learned that a knife was displayed during the incident; however, based on the statements provided and the available evidence, the elements necessary for additional charges could not be established.

Based on the totality of the investigation, officers established probable cause that a domestic violence battery had occurred. The female was arrested and transported to the Orange County Jail without incident. The child was released into the care of a family member, and the Florida Department of Children and Families was notified and accepted the case for further review.

May 7, 2026 – Domestic Violence Investigation Results in Arrest Warrant

During the early morning hours of May 7, 2026, officers responded to a hotel on McCoy Road after receiving information that a female victim had been transported to the hospital following a domestic violence incident. Upon arrival, officers observed evidence of a violent altercation inside the hotel room, including blood throughout the room and signs of a struggle.

Officers later interviewed the victim at the hospital, where she was being treated for multiple injuries, including significant facial swelling, bruising, and contusions to her face, arms, and chest. The victim reported that her former boyfriend became enraged during an argument, physically assaulted her, and repeatedly struck her in the face before fleeing the scene. The victim provided a sworn statement and agreed to assist with the prosecution.

Based on the evidence collected, witness statements, and the victim's injuries, investigators established probable cause that a domestic violence battery had occurred. An arrest warrant was submitted and later approved by a judge. The victim was provided with domestic violence resources and victim assistance information. Following medical treatment, she was transferred to a behavioral health facility for additional care and support.

May 8, 2026 – Woman Arrested for Battery on Elderly Victim

On May 8, 2026, officers responded to a residence on Swann Avenue regarding a disturbance involving a woman who was refusing to leave the property. During the investigation, officers learned that the involved parties had a prior domestic violence history and that the female had previously been trespassed from the residence.

Witnesses reported that the female repeatedly honked her vehicle horn and demanded that an 88-year-old resident come outside. When the victim entered the vehicle and later attempted to leave, witnesses observed the female grab him by his shirt and prevent him from exiting. The victim confirmed that he was grabbed during the incident, and the female later admitted to pulling his shirt in an effort to stop him from leaving the vehicle.

Based on witness statements, the victim's account, and the suspect's admission, officers established probable cause that an unlawful touching had occurred. The female was arrested and charged with Battery on a Person 65 Years of Age or Older. She was transported to the Orange

County Jail without incident. The victim was provided with information about victim services and declined medical treatment.

May 9, 2026 – Retail Theft Suspect Arrested Minutes After Theft

On May 9, 2026, officers responded to a retail theft at a convenience store on Hoffner Avenue after an employee reported observing a man conceal three alcoholic beverages and leave the store without paying. The stolen merchandise was valued at approximately \$12.75.

Using the suspect's description and direction of travel, officers quickly located the individual approximately 0.3 miles from the business. As officers approached, the suspect was observed discarding one of the stolen items into a nearby trash can. A witness was transported to the scene and positively identified the suspect as the individual who committed the theft.

Based on witness statements, the recovery of stolen property, and the suspect's actions after leaving the store, officers established probable cause that a retail theft had occurred. The suspect was arrested and charged with Retail Theft before being transported for processing.

May 10, 2026 – Major Narcotics Investigation Leads to Trafficking Arrests and Crash with Ambulance

At approximately 6:41 p.m. on May 10, 2026, an officer conducting proactive patrols at a business on Hoffner Avenue observed suspicious activity involving multiple occupants of a parked pickup truck. During the investigation, officers discovered one occupant unconscious behind the wheel of the running vehicle and another individual in possession of suspected illegal narcotics. Orange County Fire Rescue was requested to respond to evaluate the unresponsive driver.

As paramedics arrived on scene, the driver unexpectedly regained consciousness, placed the vehicle in motion, struck a parked ambulance, and attempted to leave the scene. Officers immediately intervened and stopped the vehicle. The driver displayed signs consistent with impairment and was taken into custody. During the subsequent investigation, officers discovered trafficking quantities of amphetamine-based pills, fentanyl, methamphetamine, alprazolam, cannabis, drug paraphernalia, scales, packaging materials, and additional controlled substances inside the vehicle.

The investigation resulted in the arrest of two individuals. One suspect was charged with Trafficking in Amphetamines, multiple felony drug possession offenses, possession of drug paraphernalia, leaving the scene of a crash, and driving while license suspended. The second suspect was charged with possession of fentanyl, possession of alprazolam, and possession of drug paraphernalia. The vehicle was impounded and the narcotics were seized as evidence.

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May 14, 2026 – Suspicious Communication Report

On May 14, 2026, officers responded to a residence on Seminole Drive regarding a suspicious communication. The resident reported receiving a phone call and text message from an unknown individual on May 10, 2026. The resident blocked the number and reported that no further contact had occurred. A sworn statement was obtained, and the incident was documented for informational purposes.

May 15, 2026 – Fraud Investigation Results in Arrest Warrant

On May 15, 2026, officers responded to a financial institution on McCoy Road after employees reported a customer claimed he was being forced by an armed individual to withdraw money from his account. The customer advised bank staff that a suspect waiting in his vehicle was threatening harm to his family if he did not obtain cash. Before officers arrived, the individual left the bank without receiving any money.

During the investigation, bank employees provided surveillance footage and information regarding similar incidents involving the same individual at multiple financial institutions. In each case, the subject claimed he was being threatened and forced to withdraw money; however, previous investigations found no evidence supporting the allegations. Surveillance footage from the current incident showed no other occupants inside the vehicle, contradicting the claims made to bank employees.

Based on witness statements, video evidence, and the pattern of similar incidents, investigators determined the claims were fabricated and part of an ongoing effort to obtain money through deception. Probable cause was established for Scheme to Defraud, and an arrest warrant was submitted.

On May 26, 2026, the warrant was reviewed and signed by a judge. The case remains active pending the apprehension of the suspect.

May 15, 2026 – FLOCK Alert Leads to Arrest for Driving While License Suspended

On May 15, 2026, officers received a FLOCK license plate reader alert indicating that the registered owner of a vehicle traveling through the city had an invalid driver's license. Officers located the vehicle on Hoffner Avenue and conducted a traffic stop after confirming the registered owner's driving status through state records.

During the traffic stop, the driver identified herself as the registered owner and acknowledged that her driver's license had been suspended. A review of her driving history confirmed multiple license suspensions, including an active suspension that had been in effect since 2024.

Based on the investigation, the driver was arrested for Driving While License Suspended with Knowledge and transported to the Orange County Jail without incident. The vehicle was later released to a licensed driver.

May 15, 2026 – Officers Investigate Domestic Disturbance Following 911 Call

On May 15, 2026, officers responded to a residence on Hoffner Avenue after Orange County Dispatch received a 911 call involving a distressed female. Dispatch reported hearing a woman crying in the background and stating that she wanted to leave the residence while claiming her boyfriend would not allow her to do so.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with both individuals involved and conducted separate interviews. Both parties acknowledged they had been involved in a verbal argument after returning home from a day of boating on Lake Conway. The female stated she wanted to leave the residence to avoid further arguing, while the male wanted her to stay and talk through the disagreement. Both individuals denied any physical altercation, and officers observed no signs of injury or evidence indicating that violence had occurred.

Based on witness statements, physical observations, and the totality of the circumstances, officers determined the incident was a verbal domestic disturbance. No criminal violations were identified, and no arrests were made. The female voluntarily left the residence and arranged transportation to stay with a friend for the evening.

May 17, 2026 – FLOCK Cameras Assist in Identifying Hit-and-Run Driver Who Destroyed Traffic Safety Devices

On May 17, 2026, officers discovered extensive damage to newly installed traffic safety devices and signage near the intersection of Hoffner Avenue and Conway Road. The investigation revealed that a vehicle had struck multiple roadway dividers and a traffic control sign before leaving the scene without reporting the crash. Debris from the vehicle, including pieces of a bumper and wheel well, was located throughout the area.

Using the city's FLOCK camera system, officers were able to narrow the timeframe of the crash and identify the suspect vehicle. A damaged BMW matching the debris found at the scene was later located abandoned nearby. Additional investigation and FLOCK camera data led officers to the registered owner, who was subsequently contacted and interviewed.

During a post-Miranda interview, the driver admitted to operating the vehicle during the crash and acknowledged leaving the scene without notifying law enforcement. The driver also admitted that friends assisted in removing vehicle debris and relocating the damaged vehicle

after the crash. While speaking with officers several hours later, the driver still exhibited the odor of alcoholic beverages and later stated he briefly dozed off before the collision.

Based on the investigation, the driver was arrested and charged with Leaving the Scene of a Crash Involving Property Damage. The damaged vehicle was impounded, and the investigation documented significant damage to recently installed traffic control devices designed to improve safety along the Hoffner Avenue corridor.

May 20, 2026 – Theft Investigation Identifies Suspects After Gym Employee Targeted

On May 20, 2026, officers responded to a theft at a business on Hoffner Avenue after an employee reported that his personal bag had been stolen from an employee breakroom. The victim discovered the theft after receiving fraud alerts from his financial institution indicating that someone was attempting to use his credit cards at a nearby retail store. The stolen property included wallets, identification cards, vehicle keys, and multiple credit cards.

During the investigation, officers reviewed surveillance footage from the business, which showed an unidentified suspect entering a restricted employee area and stealing property belonging to multiple employees. The suspect was also observed taking cash from another employee's belongings before concealing the stolen items and leaving the business with two associates.

Officers conducted follow-up investigations with a nearby retailer where the victim's credit cards were later used. Surveillance footage confirmed the suspects attempted to make purchases using the stolen cards, although the transactions were unsuccessful. Investigators obtained photographs and evidence from both locations and continue working to positively identify the suspects.

The case remains under active investigation.

May 20, 2026 – Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest After Driver Provides False Identity

On May 20, 2026, an officer conducting proactive patrols observed a vehicle displaying a license plate assigned to an expired trailer rather than the vehicle it was attached to. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver immediately admitted that the license plate did not belong on the vehicle.

During the investigation, the driver claimed he did not possess a driver's license and provided a false name and date of birth to the officer. Through additional investigative efforts, officers were able to positively identify the individual and determine that he did not possess a valid driver's license. Further investigation revealed multiple suspensions, a cancellation of his driving privileges, and an active warrant related to a probation violation.

The driver later admitted he intentionally provided false information because he knew he did not have a valid driver's license and was aware of pending legal issues. He was arrested and charged with No Valid Driver's License, Providing False Information to a Law Enforcement Officer, and

Attaching a License Plate Not Assigned to the Vehicle. He was additionally booked on the outstanding Orange County warrant. The improperly displayed license plate was seized as evidence.

May 22, 2026 – Criminal Mischief Investigation After Basketball Hoop Damaged

On May 22, 2026, officers responded to a residence on Wind Harbor Drive regarding a report of criminal mischief. The homeowner reported that a basketball hoop valued at approximately \$500 had been damaged the previous evening.

According to the victim, witnesses observed a group of four teenagers in the area prior to the damage occurring. One witness reported seeing an individual hanging from the basketball rim before the equipment was damaged. Although the residence was equipped with surveillance cameras, the incident was not captured on video.

A sworn statement was obtained from the victim, and the case was documented as a criminal mischief investigation. The suspects remain unidentified, and the investigation is ongoing.

May 25, 2026 – Officers Conduct Welfare Check Following Concerned Neighbor Report

On May 25, 2026, officers responded to a residence on Wind Willow Road after a concerned neighbor requested a welfare check due to a strong odor coming from the property and concerns for the resident's well-being.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with the resident, who appeared to be in good health and advised she was not experiencing any medical emergency. During the contact, officers detected a strong odor coming from the garage area. The resident explained the odor was related to a previous rodent infestation and stated she had not yet been able to address the issue.

Officers observed no immediate signs indicating the resident was in danger or required emergency assistance. The incident was documented, and the appropriate agency was notified regarding the circumstances. No criminal activity was identified, and no further action was required at the time of the investigation.

May 26, 2026 – Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest for Driving While License Suspended

On May 26, 2026, an officer conducting traffic enforcement on Hoffner Avenue identified a vehicle whose registered owner had a suspended driver's license. A traffic stop was conducted after confirming the driver's status through state records.

The driver was identified as the registered owner of the vehicle and acknowledged being aware of previous traffic citations. During the investigation, officers confirmed the driver's license had been suspended as a result of failing to appear in court on multiple traffic summonses.

Based on the investigation, the driver was arrested for Driving While License Suspended and transported for processing without incident.

May 27, 2026 – Elderly Woman Dies Following Suspected Intentional Overdose

On May 27, 2026, officers responded to a residence on Quando Drive after receiving a report of an 85-year-old woman who had reportedly ingested a large quantity of medication. Upon arrival, officers located the woman unconscious and unresponsive inside a bedroom. Emergency medical care was immediately provided, including the administration of Narcan and life-saving measures until Orange County Fire Rescue personnel arrived and assumed treatment.

Family members advised that the woman had been struggling with depression, anxiety, and recent life changes, including moving into the residence approximately two months earlier. During the investigation, officers located multiple empty prescription medication bottles, a cup containing a white residue, and other items believed to be associated with the ingestion. Family members expressed concerns that the overdose was intentional and provided sworn statements regarding the events leading up to the incident.

The woman was transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center for treatment. Later that evening, officers were notified that she had succumbed to her injuries. Due to the circumstances surrounding the incident, the Medical Examiner's Office accepted the case for investigation. Evidence collected from the scene was submitted for further analysis, and the investigation remains active pending the Medical Examiner's findings.

May 28, 2026 – Vehicle Burglary Results in Theft of Firearm and Property Valued Over \$12,000

On May 28, 2026, officers responded to a condominium complex on Conway Road regarding a vehicle burglary involving a rental vehicle parked overnight. The victim reported discovering multiple items missing from the vehicle, including a handgun, automotive diagnostic equipment, ammunition, and jewelry.

The stolen property included a .45 caliber handgun, two automotive diagnostic scanners, a gold necklace, and ammunition, with a combined estimated value exceeding \$12,000. The victim advised that the vehicle had been parked in the complex parking lot the previous evening and that the theft was discovered the following morning.

During the investigation, officers processed the vehicle for evidence and recovered latent fingerprints from multiple locations. No signs of forced entry were observed. The stolen firearm was entered into state and national law enforcement databases as stolen property, and evidence collected from the scene was submitted for further examination.

The case remains under active investigation.

May 28, 2026 – Juvenile on Probation Arrested on Drug Charges and Violation of Probation

At approximately 1:38 a.m. on May 28, 2026, an officer conducting proactive patrols at an apartment complex on McCoy Road observed a vehicle occupied by three individuals. One of the occupants was a juvenile known to officers through prior contacts and who was currently on supervised release for serious felony offenses, including robbery with a firearm.

During the encounter, officers detected the odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle. In plain view, officers observed a THC vape device and a cannabis cigarette within reach of the juvenile. The juvenile was observed attempting to move the vape device away from his seating area as officers approached. A subsequent search of the vehicle confirmed the presence of the THC vape device and cannabis, and witnesses on scene identified the vape device as belonging to the juvenile.

Testing confirmed the vape device contained THC in an illegal concentration. After consulting with juvenile probation authorities, officers confirmed the juvenile's possession of illegal drugs constituted a violation of the conditions of his supervised release.

The juvenile was arrested and charged with Possession of Tetrahydrocannabinols, Possession of Cannabis Under 20 Grams, and Felony Violation of Probation. He was transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center and later medically evaluated before being returned for processing. The narcotics evidence was seized and submitted into evidence.

May 30, 2026 – Resident Loses \$7,700 in Prize Scam Investigation

On May 30, 2026, officers responded to a hotel on McCoy Road regarding a fraud complaint involving a prize-winning scam. The victim reported being contacted by an individual who claimed he had won a \$200,000 prize and was required to establish an investment or portfolio account before receiving the funds. The suspect provided what appeared to be official documentation and convinced the victim that the offer was legitimate.

Believing the prize was genuine, the victim conducted multiple financial transactions over an eleven-day period, sending funds through various electronic payment platforms and bank accounts. After becoming suspicious and realizing he had not received any prize money, the victim contacted law enforcement.

The investigation revealed that approximately \$7,700 had been transferred to multiple recipients as part of the scheme. Officers obtained transaction information, contact information used by the suspect, and supporting documentation related to the fraud. A sworn statement was obtained from the victim, and the case remains under investigation.

This case serves as a reminder that legitimate sweepstakes, lotteries, and prize promotions do not require winners to pay fees, transfer money, or establish accounts in order to claim winnings.

May 30, 2026 – Early Morning Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest for No Driver's License

At approximately 1:29 a.m. on May 30, 2026, an officer conducting traffic enforcement on Hansel Avenue observed a vehicle operating without functioning taillights and conducted a traffic stop.

During the investigation, the driver was unable to provide a driver's license and admitted he had never been issued one. Officers confirmed the driver did not possess a valid driver's license and learned he also had an outstanding warrant from another state for a traffic-related offense, although the warrant was not extraditable to Florida.

Based on the investigation, the driver was arrested and charged with No Driver's License, Never Had One Issued. The vehicle was towed from the scene, and the driver was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident.

Traffic Crash Reports

During May 2026, the Belle Isle Police Department investigated 11 traffic crashes ranging from minor parking lot collisions to crashes involving injuries, traffic control devices, construction zones, and significant property damage. While the majority of crashes resulted in only minor damage, several required extensive follow-up investigations.

In some cases, a traffic crash may also be associated with a separate criminal investigation or arrest. When that occurs, the crash itself is summarized in this section, while any related criminal charges or arrests are detailed separately in the Arrest and Criminal Investigations section of this report.

Below is a brief summary of each crash investigated during the month of May.

May 1, 2026 – Hit-and-Run Crash Investigated at Rental Car Facility

On May 1, 2026, officers responded to a rental car facility on McCoy Road after a vehicle struck a parked rental vehicle in the parking lot and left the scene. Surveillance footage showed a sport utility vehicle backing into an unoccupied rental vehicle, causing damage before departing.

Investigators reviewed surveillance footage, identified the vehicle involved, and conducted follow-up interviews to determine the circumstances surrounding the crash. The collision resulted in property damage to the parked rental vehicle, and the crash was documented for investigative and reporting purposes.

May 8, 2026 – Parking Lot Crash Causes Minor Vehicle Damage

On May 8, 2026, officers investigated a crash in a parking lot on McCoy Road involving a vehicle attempting to park next to an occupied parking space. During the maneuver, the driver struck a parked vehicle, causing damage along the passenger side of the parked vehicle.

After the collision, the driver left the immediate area to complete a food delivery but was later contacted and returned to the scene. No injuries were reported by any involved parties, and both vehicles were removed from the scene by their respective drivers.

The at-fault driver was issued a traffic citation for Improper Backing.

May 8, 2026 – Intersection Crash Causes Minor Vehicle Damage

On May 8, 2026, officers investigated a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Seminole Drive and Daetwyler Drive. According to the drivers involved, both vehicles stopped at the intersection before attempting to proceed at approximately the same time, resulting in a collision.

The crash caused minor damage to both vehicles. No injuries were reported, and both vehicles were driven from the scene by their owners. Following the investigation, no traffic citations were issued.

May 10, 2026 – Driver Strikes Ambulance in Wawa Parking Lot

On May 10, 2026, officers investigated a crash in the parking lot of a business on Hoffner Avenue involving a pickup truck and an Orange County Fire Rescue ambulance. The incident began when a driver was found unresponsive behind the wheel of a running vehicle, prompting emergency medical personnel to respond and assess the driver's condition.

After regaining consciousness, the driver attempted to leave the area and backed into the parked ambulance, causing minor damage. No injuries were reported as a result of the collision, and emergency personnel evaluated the driver at the scene.

The driver was determined to be at fault for the crash and was issued a citation for Improper Backing Resulting in a Crash.

May 13, 2026 – Rear-End Crash at Hansel Avenue and Wallace Street Intersection

On May 13, 2026, officers investigated a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Hansel Avenue and Wallace Street. According to the investigation, traffic ahead began slowing as vehicles approached the intersection. One driver was unable to stop in time and collided with the rear of the vehicle in front, causing minor damage to both vehicles.

No injuries were reported by either driver, and both vehicles were removed from the scene by their owners. As a result of the investigation, the at-fault driver was issued traffic citations related to careless driving, learner's license restrictions, and failure to provide proof of insurance.

May 17, 2026 – Overnight Crash Destroys Newly Installed Traffic Safety Devices on Hoffner Avenue

On May 17, 2026, officers discovered extensive damage to recently installed traffic safety devices along Hoffner Avenue near Darden Avenue. Multiple roadway dividers had been destroyed or displaced, a traffic control sign was damaged, and vehicle debris was scattered

throughout the area. An abandoned vehicle with significant front-end damage was later located nearby.

The investigation determined the vehicle had traveled through the area during the early morning hours and struck the traffic safety infrastructure, causing substantial damage. The collision destroyed several roadway delineators and damaged signage that had recently been installed as part of ongoing traffic safety improvements.

No injuries were reported as a result of the crash. The damaged vehicle was removed from the scene, and the crash resulted in significant damage to public traffic control devices and related roadway safety equipment.

May 20, 2026 – Driver Leaves Roadway and Strikes Parked Vehicle

On May 20, 2026, officers investigated a single-vehicle crash on Country Lakes Drive after a vehicle failed to negotiate a curve and left the roadway. The vehicle traveled off the road and struck a parked vehicle that was located in a residential driveway.

The crash caused significant damage to both vehicles, with the striking vehicle sustaining approximately \$10,000 in damage and the parked vehicle sustaining approximately \$3,000 in damage. No injuries were reported by the driver or passenger involved in the crash.

Both vehicles were removed by their owners. Following the investigation, the driver was issued a citation for Careless Driving Resulting in a Crash.

May 22, 2026 – Electric Bicycle Rider Collides with Parked Police Vehicle

On May 22, 2026, officers investigated a crash involving an electric bicycle and a marked Belle Isle Police Department patrol vehicle near the intersection of Randolph Avenue and Fairlane Avenue. The patrol vehicle was stopped with its emergency lights activated when the bicyclist traveled around a road closure barricade and collided with the rear of the vehicle.

The bicyclist advised he did not see the patrol vehicle and was not paying attention immediately prior to the collision. No injuries were reported, and only minor damage was sustained to the bicycle and the patrol vehicle.

Following the investigation, no traffic citations were issued.

May 22, 2026 – Parking Lot Collision Results in Minor Damage

On May 22, 2026, officers investigated a two-vehicle crash in the parking lot of an apartment complex on McCoy Road. The collision occurred as one vehicle was backing from a parking space while another vehicle was also backing in the parking lot, resulting in contact between the two vehicles.

The crash caused minor damage to both vehicles. No injuries were reported, and both vehicles were removed from the scene by their drivers.

Following the investigation, one driver was issued a citation for Improper Backing Resulting in a Crash.

May 24, 2026 – Rear-End Crash Causes Minor Injury on Hoffner Avenue

On May 24, 2026, officers investigated a rear-end crash on Hoffner Avenue near Duban Avenue. The crash occurred when a vehicle stopped in traffic and was struck from behind by another vehicle whose driver later stated they were not paying attention at the time of the collision.

The impact caused minor damage to the vehicles involved. One driver complained of lower back pain following the crash but declined medical treatment at the scene. No other injuries were reported.

Following the investigation, the at-fault driver was issued a citation for Careless Driving.

May 27, 2026 – Rear-End Crash in Active Construction Zone

On May 27, 2026, officers investigated a two-vehicle crash on Hoffner Avenue near Saint Denis Court. The collision occurred within an active construction zone that was marked with traffic control devices and construction signage.

According to the investigation, one vehicle slowed for construction workers entering the roadway while a second vehicle failed to reduce speed and struck the rear of the slowing vehicle. The impact caused minor damage to both vehicles.

No injuries were reported, and both vehicles were driven from the scene by their owners. Following the investigation, the at-fault driver was issued a citation for Careless Driving Resulting in a Crash.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Activity – May 2026

During May, Code Enforcement staff addressed a variety of property maintenance, permitting, and land use issues throughout the city. A total of six new cases were opened and six cases were brought into compliance and closed. Activity included landscaping violations, permit-related issues, RV and trailer concerns, and tree permit and tree violation cases. Staff continue to work with residents and property owners to achieve voluntary compliance while helping preserve the safety, appearance, and quality of life within the City of Belle Isle.

Prepared and Respectfully Submitted,

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