

CITY OF BELLE ISLE

# CHIEF’S MONTHLY REPORT

August 2026

*Executive overview of public safety activity, enforcement, investigations, and traffic crash response.*

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| 509<br>CALLS FOR SERVICE | 302<br>TRAFFIC CITATIONS | 95<br>TRAFFIC WARNINGS |
| 44<br>BOATING CITATIONS  | 15<br>CRASH REPORTS      | 3<br>INVOLUNTARY EXAMS |

## EXECUTIVE PERSPECTIVE

August was an exceptionally active month for the Belle Isle Police Department. Officers responded to 509 calls for service, conducted 201 traffic stops, issued 302 traffic citations and 95 traffic warnings, and issued 44 boating citations. The Department also completed 31 incident reports, 15 supplemental reports, and 15 traffic-crash investigations.

The month included significant arrests and investigations involving impaired driving, fleeing and eluding, controlled substances, domestic violence, vehicle burglaries, identity theft, and property crimes. A serious vessel crash on Little Lake Conway resulted in a boating-under-the-influence arrest and a charge of boating under the influence causing serious bodily injury. Officers also responded to three mental-health crises requiring involuntary examinations.

August’s activity reflects both increased demand for police services and sustained proactive enforcement on the city’s roadways and waterways. I remain proud of the professionalism, persistence, and sound judgment our officers demonstrated while managing this diverse workload and protecting the Belle Isle community.

**MONTH AT A GLANCE:** August combined substantially higher roadway and marine enforcement with serious criminal investigations, mental-health response, and a boating-under-the-influence crash involving serious bodily injury.

# ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Key workload and enforcement measures recorded during August 2026.

| ACTIVITY MEASURE         | AUGUST TOTAL | REPORTING FOCUS        |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Boating Citations        | 44           | Marine safety          |
| Involuntary Exam         | 3            | Crisis response        |
| Parking Citations        | 2            | Parking enforcement    |
| Traffic Warnings         | 95           | Education              |
| Traffic Citations        | 302          | Traffic enforcement    |
| Trespass Reports         | 3            | Property safety        |
| Supplemental Reports     | 15           | Follow-up              |
| Field Information Report | 1            | Intelligence           |
| Crash Reports            | 15           | Crash response         |
| Incident Reports         | 31           | Incident documentation |
| Calls for Service        | 509          | Total demand           |

# ENFORCEMENT & WORKLOAD ANALYSIS

Executive context drawn from the attached calls-for-service, traffic-citation, traffic-warning, and marine-enforcement reports.

| MEASURE           | TOTAL | EXECUTIVE CONTEXT                                                                         |
|-------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Calls for Service | 509   | Includes 201 traffic stops and other dispatched or officer-initiated activity.            |
| Traffic Citations | 302   | Multiple citations may result from a single traffic stop.                                 |
| Traffic Warnings  | 95    | Reflects educational and discretionary traffic enforcement.                               |
| Boating Citations | 44    | Supports safe operation on the Conway Chain of Lakes.                                     |
| Traffic Crashes   | 15    | Includes roadway, parking-lot, school-bus, e-scooter, and property-damage investigations. |

## WHAT THE NUMBERS SHOW

- Traffic enforcement: Hoffner Avenue accounted for 158 of the 302 traffic citations, followed by Daetwyler Drive with 51 and McCoy Road with 38.
- Most common violations: Suspended or revoked license violations accounted for 55 citations, expired-registration violations accounted for 52, and traffic-control-device violations accounted for 19.
- Marine safety: The 44 boating citations included nine for careless vessel operation, nine for failure to comply with boater-education requirements, and nine involving vessel-registration documentation or display violations.

**SUPPORTING PUBLIC RECORDS** Detailed calls-for-service, traffic-citation, traffic-warning, and marine-enforcement reports are included as attachments to the monthly Chief’s Report package.

## ARRESTS & NOTABLE INCIDENTS

*Selected cases are summarized for executive and public review. Personal names and residential addresses are intentionally omitted.*

### **July 31 – Hospice Death Investigation – No Suspicious Circumstances**

Belle Isle officers responded to a residence regarding an unresponsive adult female. Orange County Fire Rescue pronounced the individual deceased at the scene. Family members advised that she was receiving hospice care and had several serious medical conditions.

The Medical Examiner's Office was contacted and declined to respond because the individual was under hospice care and no suspicious circumstances were identified. A hospice nurse responded and coordinated with the funeral home. No further law enforcement action was required.

### **August 2 – Stolen License Plate Decal at Palm Square Condominium – No Prosecution**

Belle Isle officers responded to Palm Square Condominium, 2323 McCoy Road, after a resident reported that someone removed the registration decal from the license plate of his parked vehicle. The resident requested a police report to obtain a replacement decal.

The decal was entered into state and national law-enforcement databases as stolen. The resident provided a sworn written statement but declined prosecution.

### **August 4 – Suspected Gunfire Damages Condominium Window**

Belle Isle officers responded to a condominium complex after a resident discovered a shattered window and damage consistent with a possible projectile strike. The resident reported hearing a popping sound during the early morning hours but did not discover the damage until later that afternoon.

Officers located a 9mm cartridge casing in the parking lot near the damaged window. Its location appeared consistent with the possible trajectory of the suspected projectile; however, no bullet was recovered from inside the residence. Officers canvassed the surrounding area for surveillance footage but could not locate any cameras that captured the incident.

Officers collected the casing and submitted it into evidence. Officers also documented photographs of the damage and surrounding area. No injuries were reported.

### **August 5 – DUI, Cocaine, THC, Cannabis, and Evidence-Tampering Arrest**

Belle Isle officers conducted a traffic stop near McCoy Road and Lindos Drive after observing a vehicle traveling at night without headlights. The vehicle briefly swerved while stopping, and the driver appeared to throw an object toward the passenger side. During the stop, officers detected a strong odor of cannabis and observed several indicators of possible impairment, including bloodshot eyes, severely dilated pupils, body tremors, poor coordination, difficulty following instructions, and inconsistent statements regarding recent cannabis use.

Officers observed a glass smoking pipe on the passenger-side floorboard that the driver admitted attempting to conceal. A probable-cause search of the vehicle recovered suspected cannabis, a THC vape pen, drug paraphernalia, alcoholic beverages, and a bag containing white powder that field-tested

positive for cocaine. The driver displayed multiple indicators of impairment during field sobriety exercises and was arrested.

At the Orange County DUI Center, the driver provided two breath samples registering 0.000 and submitted a urine sample for further testing. A Drug Recognition Expert also conducted an independent evaluation. The driver was charged with driving under the influence, possession of cocaine, possession of THC, possession of cannabis under 20 grams, possession of drug paraphernalia, and tampering with or concealing physical evidence. All recovered items and the urine sample were submitted into evidence.

### **August 6 – Attempted Vehicle Burglaries – Investigation Active**

Belle Isle officers responded to a residential neighborhood after a homeowner received a security-camera notification showing an unknown suspect walking through his driveway and pulling on the door handles of parked vehicles. The suspect was wearing long pants, a T-shirt, a hat, a face covering, and a backpack, and appeared to use a cloth or napkin while attempting to open one of the vehicles.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office assisted with K-9 units, a helicopter, and a drone. A K-9 tracked the suspect west toward Homewood Drive before losing the scent. Despite an extensive search, officers did not locate the suspect.

During the neighborhood canvass, officers discovered another vehicle with its doors unlocked. The owner confirmed that nothing had been stolen and declined prosecution. Officers collected surveillance footage and images of the suspect as evidence. The original victim expressed a desire to prosecute if the suspect is identified, and the investigation remains active.

### **August 6 – Reported Trailer Theft Determined to Be Civil Matter**

Belle Isle officers investigated the reported theft of a utility trailer from a residence. The owner advised that an unknown man and woman arrived in a pickup truck, connected the trailer, and removed it from the property. A battery charger valued at approximately \$50 was also placed inside the trailer before it was removed.

The owner had concealed two Apple AirTags inside the trailer. Although one AirTag was reportedly discovered and removed, the second transmitted the trailer's location to Premier Portable Buildings and Trailers of Lake Wales. The trailer was initially entered into state and national law-enforcement databases as stolen, and Polk County law enforcement responded to the location.

The subsequent investigation determined that the trailer had been removed pursuant to a valid writ of replevin. After reviewing the supporting court documentation, officers determined that the removal did not constitute a criminal theft and was a civil matter. Officers removed the stolen-vehicle entry and documented the incident for informational purposes.

### **August 7 – Vehicle Window Damaged at Crunch Fitness – No Property Stolen**

Belle Isle officers responded to Crunch Fitness, 4400 Hoffner Avenue, after a customer discovered that the front passenger-side window of his parked vehicle had been shattered. No property was reported stolen from inside the vehicle, and the damage was estimated at approximately \$1,000.

Officers did not locate the object used to break the window and could not process the vehicle for latent fingerprints because of morning condensation. The victim provided a sworn written statement and expressed a desire to prosecute if officers identify a suspect.

**August 7 – Vehicle Burglary at Planet Fitness – Property Stolen**

Belle Isle officers responded to Planet Fitness, 5130 Conway Road, after a customer's parked vehicle was burglarized. The front passenger-side window had been shattered, and a gym bag containing a headphone case and personal items was stolen. The property loss was estimated at approximately \$550, with an additional \$1,000 in vehicle damage.

No witnesses observed the burglary, and investigators could not access surveillance footage at the time of the initial investigation. Officers also could not process the vehicle for latent fingerprints because of morning condensation. Planet Fitness staff reported that an unknown male wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt had been seen looking into vehicles the previous day, but it is unknown whether that individual was involved.

A similar incident involving a shattered passenger-side window was reported at Crunch Fitness on Hoffner Avenue during the same morning. No connection between the two incidents has been confirmed. The victim provided a sworn written statement and expressed a desire to prosecute if police identify a suspect.

**August 7 – Vehicle Burglary at Extended Stay America – Cash and Property Stolen**

Belle Isle officers responded to Extended Stay America, 1934 McCoy Road, after a guest discovered that her parked vehicle had been burglarized. The suspect appeared to use an unknown object to pry the driver's door away from the roof, damaging the door frame and interior liner.

A gym bag, children's shoes, an ashtray, and approximately \$200 in cash were reported stolen. The combined value of the missing property was estimated at about \$340, with an additional \$1,000 in vehicle damage.

Officers processed the vehicle for latent fingerprints but found no usable evidence. The victim reported seeing a suspicious individual near the property earlier but could not provide enough information to identify him. An area search was unsuccessful, and surveillance cameras did not cover the portion of the parking lot where the burglary occurred. The victim provided a sworn written statement.

**August 7 – Stolen Vehicle Recovered at Towlando**

Belle Isle officers responded to Towlando, 3101 McCoy Road, after employees learned that a vehicle towed to the business the previous night had been reported stolen.

A records check confirmed that the vehicle had been entered as stolen by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. That agency was notified of the recovery, and the vehicle was removed from state and national stolen-vehicle databases. The vehicle remained secured at Towlando pending arrangements by the investigating agency.

**August 8 – Habitual Traffic Offender Arrest**

Belle Isle officers conducted a traffic stop near Daetwyler Drive and Warren Park Road after observing a vehicle operating without a functioning license-plate light. The driver could not provide a driver's license and said he had a pending court matter involving unlicensed driving.

A records check revealed that the driver's license had been revoked and that he had been designated a habitual traffic offender. Officers arrested the driver for driving while his license was revoked and transported him to the Orange County Jail without incident. He was also cited for the equipment violation, and the vehicle was released to its registered owner.

**August 9 – Habitual Traffic Offender Arrest**

While conducting patrol near 5170 Conway Road, Belle Isle officers observed a vehicle illegally parked in a clearly marked safety zone. A records check revealed that the vehicle's registration had been expired since May 2023.

Further investigation determined that the driver had been designated a habitual traffic offender and that her driving privileges had been revoked for five years. The driver was arrested for driving with a revoked license as a habitual traffic offender and transported to the Orange County Booking and Release Center without incident. The vehicle was left secured at the scene at the driver's request.

**August 12 – Firearm and Suspected Methamphetamine Recovered from Lost Bag**

An Uber driver brought a passenger's lost bag to the Belle Isle Police Department after being unable to identify or contact the passenger who had left it inside the vehicle. An inventory of the bag located a wallet containing identification, a rusted 9mm handgun, approximately 10 grams of suspected methamphetamine, and a used smoking pipe.

The firearm's muzzle and chamber were obstructed. An agency armorer inspected the weapon and determined that it was inoperable and safe for storage. The bag, wallet, identification, and firearm were submitted into evidence as found property. The suspected narcotics and drug paraphernalia were submitted for destruction. The incident was documented for informational purposes.

**August 14 – Revoked License and Unassigned Tag Arrest**

Belle Isle officers conducted a traffic stop near McCoy Road and Lindos Drive after observing a motorcycle operating without rear lights. A records check revealed that the operator's driver's license had been revoked since 2022 and had not been reinstated.

Further investigation determined that the motorcycle was unregistered and displayed a license plate assigned to a different motorcycle. The operator admitted transferring the plate from a previously owned motorcycle so that he could ride the unregistered motorcycle home.

The operator was arrested for driving with a revoked license, operating an unregistered motor vehicle, and attaching an unassigned license plate. The motorcycle was towed, and the operator was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident. Personal property was submitted for safekeeping.

**August 15 – Unattended Death at Days Inn – No Signs of Foul Play**

Belle Isle officers responded to Days Inn, 1853 McCoy Road, after hotel staff located an unresponsive guest who had failed to check out of his room. Officers found the individual deceased inside the room, and Orange County Fire Rescue formally pronounced the death at the scene.

Officers observed no signs of foul play. A Belle Isle Police detective and the Medical Examiner's Office were notified, and a funeral home responded to transport the deceased. A victim advocate contacted the individual's next of kin.

**August 15 – Vehicle Burglary at Wyndham Garden Orlando Airport**

Belle Isle officers responded to Wyndham Garden Orlando Airport, 2635 McCoy Road, after a guest discovered that a company-owned work truck had been burglarized overnight. There were no signs of forced entry, and the victim believed that a door may have been left unlocked. The vehicle's interior had

been rummaged through, and sunglasses and a cooling hat valued at approximately \$330 were reported stolen.

Hotel surveillance footage showed an unidentified male attempting to open the doors of seven vehicles before entering the work truck. The suspect was later seen leaving the vehicle and walking toward the rear of the hotel before disappearing from camera view.

The victim provided a sworn written statement and expressed a desire to prosecute. Officers collected surveillance footage and photographs of the vehicle and stolen property as evidence.

### **August 15 – THC, Cannabis, and Drug-Paraphernalia Arrest**

Belle Isle officers conducted a traffic stop near McCoy Road and Via Flora after observing a bicyclist operating at night with an intermittently functioning headlight and crossing multiple traffic lanes while traveling in the wrong direction. The bicyclist continued to Waffle House before stopping and appeared nervous during the encounter.

During the investigation, officers recovered two THC vape pens, approximately 1.4 grams of cannabis, several small plastic bags containing suspected cocaine residue, a razor blade with residue, and a short straw commonly used to ingest narcotics. The THC vape pens tested above the legal concentration threshold.

The bicyclist was arrested for possession of THC, possession of cannabis under 20 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident, and the bicycle and other personal belongings were submitted for safekeeping. The recovered contraband was submitted into evidence.

### **August 15 – Boating Under the Influence Crash with Serious Bodily Injury**

Belle Isle officers responded to a vessel crash involving a boat and a personal watercraft on Little Lake Conway. The two occupants of the personal watercraft were transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center, including one who sustained serious injuries. Officers later located the boat at Perkins Boat Ramp and identified its operator.

During the investigation, the boat operator displayed multiple indicators of alcohol impairment, including bloodshot and watery eyes, slow movements, poor balance, and an odor of alcohol. He admitted consuming alcohol earlier in the day and performed poorly during field sobriety exercises. Officers arrested him for boating under the influence.

At the Orange County DUI Center, the operator refused to provide a breath sample after being advised of the consequences under Florida's boating implied-consent law. He was charged with boating under the influence and refusal to submit to a lawful test and was transported to the Orange County Jail.

A follow-up investigation with the Orange County Sheriff's Office included interviews and a review of video footage documenting the crash and identifying the boat's operator. After investigators confirmed that a passenger on the personal watercraft suffered serious bodily injuries, the charge was amended to boating under the influence causing serious bodily injury. The Orange County Sheriff's Office is handling the related vessel-crash investigation.

### **August 15 – Domestic Disturbance at Wyndham Garden – No Arrest**

Belle Isle officers responded to Wyndham Garden Orlando Airport, 2635 McCoy Road, after a caller reported being pushed during a dispute with her dating partner. Officers separated the individuals and conducted independent interviews with assistance from a Spanish-language interpreter.

Both individuals ultimately stated that the disagreement had not become physical. One party acknowledged taking and throwing the other person's cellular phone during the argument, worsening existing damage. The phone's owner declined prosecution; neither party reported an injury, and both declined medical attention.

Officers found no probable cause that a criminal offense had occurred. The individuals agreed to separate for the remainder of the night, and the incident was documented for informational purposes.

#### **August 17 – Habitual Traffic Offender Arrest**

Belle Isle officers conducted a traffic stop on McCoy Road after a records check showed that the registered owner of the vehicle had a suspended driver's license. The driver was not the registered owner but acknowledged that he had been designated a habitual traffic offender.

A subsequent records check confirmed that the driver's license had been revoked for five years following his habitual traffic offender designation in June 2025. The driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license as a habitual traffic offender and transported to the Orange County Booking and Release Center without incident. The vehicle was legally parked and released to a person designated by the driver.

#### **August 18 – Family Disturbance – No Arrest**

Belle Isle officers responded to a residence following a reported battery between a father and his adult daughter. The dispute began over the placement of outdoor plants and escalated after the father sprayed his daughter with a garden hose.

The father reported that his daughter kicked him and attempted to scratch him, while the daughter stated that her father grabbed her and that she kicked him in self-defense. Neither party reported an injury related to the incident, requested medical attention, or displayed visible signs of injury.

Because of the conflicting accounts and lack of physical evidence, officers could not determine a primary aggressor or establish probable cause for an arrest. The father declined prosecution and refused to provide a written statement. Both individuals agreed to remain separated for the remainder of the night.

#### **August 19 – Domestic-Violence Battery Arrest**

Belle Isle officers responded to a residence following a reported battery between a father and his adult daughter, who lived together. The father reported that his daughter scratched his hand and neck after becoming angry when he entered her room. Officers observed a small scratch on his hand and a red mark on his neck.

The daughter denied becoming physical with her father. Based on the victim's sworn statement, the observed injuries, and the totality of the circumstances, officers established probable cause for domestic-violence battery. The daughter was arrested and transported to the Orange County Booking and Release Center without incident. The father was provided the required domestic-violence information and resources.

#### **August 20 – Fentanyl and Drug-Paraphernalia Arrest at Comfort Suites**

While patrolling Comfort Suites, 1936 McCoy Road, Belle Isle officers observed an individual seated behind the wheel of a running vehicle. During the encounter, the individual displayed several indicators of possible impairment and admitted to recently using crack cocaine. She also surrendered a glass smoking pipe containing suspected drug residue.

During the investigation, the individual produced a container holding a substance that field-tested positive for fentanyl. A search conducted with assistance from the Orange County Sheriff's Office also recovered a white, crystal-like substance from her clothing. Officers located an alcoholic beverage and a sealed bottle of liquor inside the vehicle.

The individual was arrested for possession of fentanyl and possession of drug paraphernalia and transported to the Orange County Jail without incident. Approximately 4.8 grams of field-tested fentanyl and the drug paraphernalia were submitted into evidence. The vehicle and other personal property were released to a person designated by the arrestee.

### **August 21 – Suspected Roadway Material Damages Vehicle**

Belle Isle officers met with a resident who reported discovering a black, tar-like substance splattered along both sides of her vehicle after driving on Hoffner Avenue to Crunch Fitness. The resident reported observing a similar substance on the roadway between Venetian Drive and Conway Road.

Officers observed a black spray pattern extending from the vehicle's front quarter panels to the rear bumper. The substance could not be easily removed and appeared to have damaged the vehicle's clear coat. The resident planned to have the vehicle professionally inspected and provide an updated damage estimate. The incident was documented pending additional information.

### **August 21 – Unattended Death – No Signs of Foul Play**

Belle Isle officers responded to a residence after an adult male was found unresponsive. An officer immediately began lifesaving measures until Orange County Fire Rescue arrived and assumed medical care. Despite those efforts, the individual was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The investigation found no signs of foul play or suspicious circumstances. The individual's physician agreed to sign the death certificate, and the Medical Examiner's Office declined jurisdiction after reviewing the circumstances. A funeral home responded and transported the deceased.

### **August 22 – DUI and Suspended-License Arrest**

Belle Isle officers were alerted by a passing motorist to a vehicle being driven erratically on Hoffner Avenue. An officer located the vehicle traveling partially off the roadway and onto the grassy shoulder in a residential area. The driver continued for several blocks before stopping and displayed multiple indicators of alcohol impairment, including bloodshot and watery eyes, slurred speech, poor balance, confusion, and a strong odor of alcohol.

With assistance from Spanish-speaking officers, the driver agreed to perform field sobriety exercises and displayed numerous indicators of impairment. An inventory of the vehicle located several open containers of alcohol. A records check also revealed that the driver's license had been suspended following a prior alcohol-related driving offense.

The driver was arrested for driving under the influence and knowingly driving with a suspended license. At the Orange County DUI Center, breath samples registered 0.134 and 0.139, both above Florida's legal

limit of 0.08. The driver was also cited for careless driving and possessing an open container of alcohol and was transported to the Orange County Booking and Release Center without incident.

#### **August 24 – Identity Theft Involving Fraudulent COVID-19 Loan**

Belle Isle officers met with a resident who reported that an unknown person had used his name and Social Security number to obtain a COVID-19 relief loan during the pandemic. The resident learned of the fraudulent loan after two Social Security payments were reduced by \$460 each because the delinquent debt had been associated with his identity.

The resident advised that he had no knowledge of the loan and that it did not appear on his credit reports. The Social Security Administration required a police report before proceeding with his claim. The resident provided a sworn written statement and received identity-theft documentation and related case information.

The debt-management company handling the disputed loan is conducting the underlying investigation. The Belle Isle Police Department completed the report for informational and documentation purposes.

#### **August 24 – Felony Cannabis-Possession Arrest**

Belle Isle officers conducted a traffic stop near Hoffner Avenue and Dorian Avenue after observing an electric bicycle being operated at night without required lights. During the encounter, officers detected a strong odor of fresh and burnt cannabis. The rider admitted to recently smoking cannabis and stated that additional cannabis was inside a bag.

A probable-cause search recovered two bags of cannabis, a partially smoked cannabis cigar, and rolling papers containing residue. The cannabis weighed approximately 22.6 grams and field-tested above the legal THC concentration threshold.

The rider was arrested for possession of more than 20 grams of cannabis and transported to the Orange County Jail without incident. The cannabis was submitted into evidence, and the bicycle and other personal property were released to a family member.

#### **August 25 – Retail Theft and Unwanted Contact at Wawa – Investigation Active**

Belle Isle officers investigated a disturbance and retail theft at Wawa, 4416 Hoffner Avenue. A customer reported that an intoxicated male repeatedly approached her, requested personal information, and intentionally touched her thigh without permission. When she objected, the male allegedly threatened to strike her. Surveillance footage corroborated the reported unwanted contact; however, the customer declined to pursue criminal charges.

Wawa management reported that the same male opened an alcoholic beverage valued at \$4.25 and consumed it without paying. A second male removed four additional alcoholic beverages valued at \$15.93 and left the store without paying. Surveillance footage showed the second suspect temporarily discarding several beverages when a patrol vehicle arrived, retrieving them after the officer entered the store, and leaving with the other suspect in a nearby vehicle. Wawa reported a combined loss of \$20.18 and said it wants to prosecute both individuals for the thefts.

Officers identified one suspect through a prior contact and vehicle registration information. Officers have not positively identified the second suspect. Officers collected surveillance footage, receipts, and photographs as evidence, and the investigation remains active.

**August 26 – Fleeing and Eluding and Resisting Arrest**

Belle Isle officers attempted to stop a vehicle near McCoy Road and Lindos Drive after observing the driver run a red traffic light. The driver then proceeded through a second red light. After officers activated emergency lights and sirens, the vehicle continued onto Jetport Drive, turned off its headlights and taillights, accelerated through another red light, and drove off the roadway into the grass.

The vehicle eventually stopped in a marked safety zone near Jetport Drive and Tradeport Drive. The driver initially refused commands to exit and physically resisted officers by pulling away, retreating into the vehicle, and attempting to turn toward the arresting officer. Officers removed the driver and secured him in handcuffs without further incident.

The driver was arrested for fleeing and eluding and resisting an officer without violence. He was also cited for failing to stop at a red light. Officers towed the vehicle and transported the driver to the Orange County Booking and Release Center without incident.

**August 30 – THC and Cannabis-Possession Arrest**

Belle Isle officers conducted a pedestrian stop near Hoffner Avenue and Conway Isle Circle after observing an individual walking a bicycle in the middle of the roadway despite unobstructed sidewalks being available. When the individual opened a shoulder bag to retrieve identification, an officer observed cannabis in plain view.

A probable-cause search recovered loose cannabis, two bags containing cannabis flower or residue, and a container of concentrated cannabis resin labeled as containing more than 75% THC. The resin field-tested above the legal THC concentration threshold.

The individual was arrested for possession of THC and possession of cannabis under 20 grams and was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident. The recovered substances were submitted into evidence, and family members were released with the bicycle and personal property. Officers also issued a citation for the pedestrian violation.

## TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTS

Summary of reported traffic crashes handled by the Belle Isle Police Department during August.

### **August 4 – Rear-End Crash on Wet Roadway – No Injuries**

Belle Isle officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hoffner Avenue near Conway Road. One vehicle was stopped at a red light when the approaching driver reported experiencing brake failure. The driver applied the emergency brake but lost traction on the wet roadway, striking the rear of the stopped vehicle and the curb.

Damage was estimated at approximately \$1,000 to the striking vehicle and \$50 to the stopped vehicle. Both drivers and two passengers declined medical attention, and the drivers removed both vehicles.

### **August 6 – Intersection Crash – Two Transported**

Belle Isle officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at Warren Park Road and Daetwyler Drive. A vehicle stopped at the stop sign on Warren Park Road and then attempted to enter the northbound lane of Daetwyler Drive without clearing the intersection, colliding with a southbound vehicle.

Orange County Fire Rescue transported the southbound vehicle's driver and passenger for medical evaluation. No other injuries were reported, and the drivers removed both vehicles.

The driver who entered the intersection was cited for careless driving.

### **August 9 – Box Truck Strikes Low-Hanging Tree Branch – No Injuries**

Belle Isle officers responded to a single-vehicle crash on Gramont Avenue. A box truck traveling northbound struck a low-hanging tree branch extending over the roadway, causing approximately \$4,000 in damage to the roof of the vehicle.

The driver and passenger declined medical attention, and the driver removed the truck from the scene.

### **August 13 – Commercial Truck Damages Wendy's Landscaping and Leaves Scene**

Belle Isle officers investigated a hit-and-run crash at Wendy's, 4426 Hoffner Avenue. Surveillance footage showed a white Ryder semi-truck pulling a full-length trailer entering the parking lot from the neighboring Wawa property and attempting to travel the wrong direction through the drive-through lane.

The truck drove over a curb and through a landscaped area, damaging water lines and destroying shrubbery. The driver then reversed over the landscaping and left without reporting the damage or providing identifying information.

Surveillance footage did not capture the truck number or license plate. Ryder was contacted but could not identify the vehicle or access its GPS information without either identifier.

### **August 17 – Sideswipe Crash During Lane Merge – No Injuries**

Belle Isle officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hoffner Avenue near Darden Avenue. Both vehicles were traveling westbound when a vehicle in the right merge lane entered the continuing travel lane and sideswiped the vehicle beside it.

Each vehicle sustained approximately \$2,000 in damage. Both drivers and three passengers declined medical attention, and both drivers drove the vehicles from the scene.

The merging driver was cited for careless driving.

#### **August 18 – Vehicle Strikes Marked Patrol Vehicle – No Injuries**

Belle Isle officers investigated a two-vehicle crash on Hoffner Avenue near Pleasure Island Road involving a marked Belle Isle Police Department patrol vehicle. The patrol vehicle was stationary on the shoulder with its emergency lights activated while the officer conducted a traffic stop. A passing vehicle struck the left rear corner of the patrol vehicle.

Each vehicle sustained approximately \$3,000 in damage. No injuries were reported, and both vehicles were driven from the scene.

The driver of the passing vehicle was cited for careless driving and operating with a learner's permit without a licensed driver present.

#### **August 19 – Parking Lot Crash at Crunch Fitness – No Injuries**

Belle Isle officers responded to a two-vehicle crash in the Crunch Fitness parking lot at 4400 Hoffner Avenue. One vehicle had finished backing out of a parking space and stopped after the driver observed a second vehicle backing out of a handicapped parking space. The second vehicle continued in reverse and struck the stopped vehicle's driver-side door.

The striking vehicle initially left the parking lot but returned several minutes later. Damage to the stopped vehicle was estimated at approximately \$1,000, and no injuries were reported.

The driver of the striking vehicle was cited for improper backing.

#### **August 19 – Trailer Strikes School Bus – No Injuries**

Belle Isle officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Wallace Street near Hansel Avenue involving an Orange County school bus. A vehicle was backing a trailer from a parking lot onto Wallace Street when the trailer struck the front of the eastbound school bus.

The school bus was carrying 33 student passengers. No injuries were reported, and an Orange County Public Schools supervisor advised that the parents of the involved students would be notified. Both vehicles were removed by their drivers.

The driver backing the trailer was cited for careless driving.

#### **August 20 – Vehicle Backs into Stopped Traffic – No Injuries**

Belle Isle officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Fairlane Avenue near Orange Avenue. One vehicle was stopped in westbound traffic when a second vehicle backed from a commercial parking lot and struck its passenger-side front door.

Each vehicle sustained approximately \$2,000 in damage. No injuries were reported, and both vehicles were driven from the scene.

The backing driver was cited for careless driving.

**August 21 – Vehicle Leaves Roadway and Strikes Traffic Signs**

Belle Isle officers responded to a single-vehicle crash on Hoffner Avenue near Oak Island Road. The vehicle left the roadway while navigating a curve and struck two traffic-control signs on the shoulder.

The vehicle sustained about \$500 in damage and a tow truck removed it. The City's Public Works Department estimated the damage to the traffic signs at approximately \$500.

The driver was cited for careless driving and unknowingly operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**August 22 – Rear-End Crash on Judge Road – No Injuries**

Belle Isle officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Judge Road near Conway Road. Both vehicles were traveling eastbound in the designated turn lane when the following vehicle struck the rear of the vehicle ahead.

Both drivers and three passengers declined medical attention, and their drivers or owners removed both vehicles from the scene.

The driver of the following vehicle was cited for following too closely.

**August 24 – Vehicle and E-Scooter Crash – No Injuries**

Belle Isle officers investigated a crash involving a vehicle and a juvenile riding an electric scooter at Wallace Street and Hansel Avenue. The vehicle began crossing the intersection after receiving a green light as the juvenile traveled southbound from the sidewalk and entered the roadway without slowing. The vehicle struck the scooter's rear tire, causing the rider to fall.

The juvenile immediately stood, returned to the scooter, and left the scene. Officers later contacted the juvenile's parents, who confirmed her involvement and advised that she was not injured.

No damage was reported, and officers issued no citations.

**August 26 – Turning Vehicle Struck on Hoffner Avenue**

Belle Isle officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hoffner Avenue near Darden Avenue. A westbound vehicle attempted to turn left across two eastbound travel lanes after traffic in the first lane stopped to allow it through. As the vehicle entered the second eastbound lane, an approaching vehicle struck it and was unable to stop.

Damage was estimated at approximately \$10,000 to the turning vehicle and \$2,000 to the eastbound vehicle. Orange County Fire Rescue evaluated the turning driver, who was released at the scene. The turning vehicle was disabled and towed, while the other vehicle was removed by its owner.

Officers cited the turning driver for careless driving.

**August 27 – Rear-End Crash on McCoy Road – No Injuries**

Belle Isle officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on McCoy Road near Boggy Creek Road. Both vehicles were traveling westbound when the leading vehicle stopped suddenly for traffic and was struck from behind.

Each vehicle sustained approximately \$200 in damage. No injuries were reported, and both drivers drove the vehicles from the scene.

The following driver was cited for careless driving and failing to carry or display a driver's license upon demand.

### **August 31 – Sideswipe Crash Following Improper Turns – No Injuries**

Belle Isle officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at Hansel Avenue and Fairlane Avenue. One vehicle turned left onto Hansel Avenue while another turned right from Fairlane Avenue. As both vehicles traveled northbound, they collided in a sideswipe crash.

Both drivers declined medical attention, and both vehicles were removed from the scene by their owners.

One driver was cited for making an improper left turn, and the other was cited for making an improper right turn.

Prepared and respectfully submitted,

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