

# Chief's Monthly Report – February 2026

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## Message from the Chief – February 2026

February was an active and balanced month for the Belle Isle Police Department, reflecting both proactive enforcement and responsive service to our community. Officers responded to 408 calls for service and investigated 10 traffic crashes throughout the city. While the majority of crashes were minor rear-end collisions, several involved unsafe passing, failure to maintain lane, or excessive speed. These patterns continue to reinforce the importance of attentive and responsible driving on our primary corridors, including Hoffner Avenue, Hansel Avenue, McCoy Road, and Daetwyler Drive.

Traffic safety remained a central focus. During the month, officers issued 282 traffic citations and 61 traffic warnings. Enforcement activity addressed reckless driving, habitual traffic offenders, DUI investigations, suspended licenses, and unsafe driving behaviors that directly contribute to crashes. Our goal is not simply enforcement for its own sake, but prevention. The data consistently shows that visibility and accountability reduce preventable collisions and improve roadway safety for everyone.

February also included several notable criminal investigations. Officers successfully located a missing adult reported out of state, investigated a reported abduction that was ultimately determined to be unfounded, and made multiple arrests involving narcotics possession, forged identification, driving while license suspended, domestic violence, and DUI offenses. We also investigated residential burglary, vehicle burglary, grand theft of an e-bike, fraud cases, and criminal mischief incidents involving both private property and commercial damage. In each case, officers followed established procedures, secured evidence, and ensured victims were provided resources and documentation.

In addition, three involuntary examinations were conducted to ensure individuals experiencing mental health crises received appropriate professional evaluation. These calls are often complex and require patience, communication, and careful judgment. They represent an important aspect of modern policing that is not always visible in summary statistics.

Code Enforcement continued steady progress, opening 81 new cases and closing 79. Parking violations, watering compliance, RV and trailer issues, and nuisance complaints comprised the majority of activity. These efforts directly support neighborhood quality-of-life standards and overall community appearance.

As we move into March, I encourage residents to attend our Meet and Greet with the Belle Isle Police Department on March 14, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Warren Park, located at 3406 Warren Park Road. Events like this strengthen relationships and provide an opportunity for open dialogue between officers and the community we serve.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Our commitment remains clear: proactive enforcement, professional response, and steady attention to the safety and well-being of the City of Belle Isle.

**\*\*NEW SECTION\*\***

**Criminal Highlight – “The Express Delivery Service”**

Every now and then, we get a case that writes itself.

In the early morning hours, one of our officers observed a silver Mitsubishi traveling northbound on Hansel Avenue at what can only be described as “ambitious” speed. It was raining. The speed limit was 40 mph. The vehicle was traveling north at 85 mph while weaving around other drivers who apparently were unaware they were part of a midnight racetrack.

The vehicle was stopped, and the driver came to rest in the middle of an intersection, partially blocking a crosswalk. During the stop, officers located a loaded Taurus G2C 9mm handgun with an extended magazine tucked under the driver’s floor mat.

When asked about the firearm, the driver explained that he had just left a gas station and discovered the gun inside his vehicle. According to him, it did not belong to him. His solution to this unexpected discovery was not to pull over, call law enforcement, or safely secure the firearm. Instead, he chose what he apparently believed was the fastest possible “express delivery” option: 85 mph in the rain while passing multiple police jurisdictions.

His explanation for the speed? He was trying to get to a police station to turn the gun in.

For context, he passed several agencies before our officer made contact. The gun was safely secured, the vehicle was towed, and the driver was arrested for reckless driving.

The lesson here is straightforward. If you ever find something in your vehicle that does not belong to you, especially something as serious as a firearm, the correct procedure is to stop, call law enforcement, and wait. It is not to attempt a high-speed delivery service through city streets.

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 **Monthly Activity Summary**

<b>Boating Citations:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Involuntary Exam:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Parking Citations</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Traffic Warnings</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	<b>282</b>
<b>Trespass Reports</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Supplemental Reports</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Field Information Report</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Crash Reports</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>408</b>

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## **Arrests and Notable Incidents**

### **February 1, 2026 – Missing Adult Located (Warren Park)**

On February 1, 2026, at approximately 9:43 a.m., officers received an alert from the department’s automated tag reader system indicating a 2016 black GMC Canyon with a North Carolina tag was possibly connected to a missing adult out of North Carolina. The vehicle was observed traveling northbound on Daetwyler Drive before turning west onto Seminole Drive and entering Warren Park.

A traffic stop was conducted in the park, and officers made contact with the driver and the reported missing adult, who was seated in the passenger seat. The two were separated, and officers confirmed the individual was in good health and not in distress. She advised that she was voluntarily relocating to the Orlando area and was not being held against her will. She also clarified that the reporting party was a former acquaintance from a previous workplace.

The originating law enforcement agency was notified of the contact and status. The individual was subsequently removed from the missing persons database. No further action was required.

### **February 4, 2026 – Reported Abduction Call (Unfounded)**

On February 4, 2026, at approximately 12:06 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of Hansel Avenue and Oak Ridge Road regarding a reported possible abduction. The caller reported that he observed a female exit the front passenger seat of a red SUV as the vehicle turned northbound onto Hansel Avenue. The female then ran southbound and was pursued by the male driver, who caught up to her and returned her to the vehicle. The caller reported hearing the female yell, “Leave me alone,” before the vehicle continued southbound. An immediate area check for the vehicle was conducted with negative results.

A registration inquiry identified a possible associated address within Orange County. Assistance was requested from the Orange County Sheriff’s Office to attempt contact with the involved parties. Deputies made contact through family members, and the female confirmed she was the

individual in the video. She stated she had fallen from the vehicle and denied that any abduction or criminal activity had occurred. She declined further contact with law enforcement.

Based on the information obtained and confirmation from the involved party, the incident was determined to be unfounded. The report was completed for documentation purposes only, and no further investigation will be conducted.

#### **February 6, 2026 – Traffic Stop Leads to Narcotics Arrest (McCoy Road)**

On February 6, 2026, at approximately 11:40 p.m., an officer conducting traffic enforcement in the area of McCoy Road and Lindos Drive observed a vehicle make an improper U-turn and exit a private parking lot through a posted “Do Not Enter” zone, causing another vehicle to slow abruptly to avoid a collision. A traffic stop was initiated, and contact was made with the driver, who was the sole occupant.

During the encounter, the driver voluntarily produced a package labeled as hemp containing a green leafy substance. A field test indicated the substance exceeded the legal THC threshold. The driver did not possess a medical marijuana card. A subsequent probable cause search of the vehicle resulted in the discovery of prescription medications, including Alprazolam, not contained in a proper prescription bottle, as well as a lawfully owned handgun. Records checks confirmed the firearm was not stolen and the driver was not a convicted felon.

The driver was placed under arrest for possession of Alprazolam without a valid prescription and transported to the Orange County Jail without incident. The vehicle was towed from the scene. The firearm, cannabis, and recovered pills were secured and logged into evidence. A written warning was issued for the traffic violation.

#### **February 6, 2026 – Traffic Stop Results in Warrant Arrest (Hoffner Avenue)**

On February 6, 2026, at approximately 8:58 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Hoffner Avenue and Wandsworth Avenue after observing a vehicle with a non-functioning driver-side taillight and irregular driving behavior. A second officer responded to assist with Spanish translation during the stop.

The driver provided foreign identification and stated he did not possess a valid driver’s license. During the investigation, a records check revealed an active Orange County warrant for Violation of Probation related to a prior DUI offense. The warrant was confirmed through dispatch.

The driver was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Orange County Jail. A search of his person yielded no contraband. The vehicle was released to a licensed third party at the scene.

#### **February 7, 2026 – Arrest for Forged Driver’s License and No Valid License (McCoy Road)**

On February 7, 2026, at approximately 10:53 a.m., an officer conducting patrol in the area of McCoy Road and Daetwyler Drive observed a vehicle whose registered owner did not possess a

valid Florida driver's license. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver provided a Florida driver's license as identification.

A records check revealed the driver had never been issued a valid Florida driver's license. Upon closer inspection, the license presented displayed multiple inconsistencies, including irregular printing, discrepancies in security features, and variations in formatting compared to legitimate Florida driver's licenses. Due to these inconsistencies, the driver was detained while the investigation continued.

After being advised of his rights, the driver stated the license had been issued by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in September 2025. However, the card's issuance date did not match his statement, and he was unable to provide a reasonable explanation for the discrepancy.

Based on the totality of the investigation, the driver was arrested and charged with knowingly possessing or displaying a forged driver's license and operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. He was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident. The fraudulent license was seized and placed into evidence.

#### **February 7, 2026 – Suspicious Incident Report (Wawa, Hoffner Avenue)**

On February 7, 2026, at approximately 6:05 a.m., an officer conducting patrol made contact with a female employee at the Wawa located at 4416 Hoffner Avenue who reported concerns that her ex-boyfriend had followed her to work. The complainant stated she observed a blue Ford Explorer, which she believed belonged to her former boyfriend, parked at pump #8 when she arrived for her shift around 6:00 a.m. She further advised that the exact vehicle had been seen outside her residence before her departure and that she believed it followed her to work.

Surveillance footage confirmed that a blue Ford Explorer was parked at pump #8 when the complainant arrived; however, the driver and license plate were not visible on camera. The vehicle departed the area as marked patrol units entered the parking lot. No direct contact occurred between the parties, and no threats or aggressive actions were reported.

Due to the inability to visually confirm the driver or license plate, no enforcement action was taken. The complainant was advised to contact the Orlando Police Department regarding activity near her residence and to call 911 immediately if the individual returns to her workplace. Wawa management indicated they would pursue trespass action if the subject returns. This report is documented for informational purposes only.

#### **February 7, 2026 – DUI Arrest and Resisting Without Violence (Motorcycle)**

On February 7, 2026, at approximately 2:30 a.m., an officer conducting traffic enforcement observed a motorcycle traveling eastbound on McCoy Road without functioning rear lights and at a high rate of speed. The motorcycle proceeded through a steady red signal at McCoy Road and Lindos Drive, then continued eastbound, accelerating and operating erratically. The rider was

observed weaving and appearing unstable while approaching the intersection of Boggy Creek Road and Land Street Road. A traffic stop was initiated.

Upon contact, the operator displayed erratic behavior, mood swings, and incoherent speech. A strong odor of alcohol was detected. The operator had bloodshot, watery eyes and refused multiple lawful commands, including initially refusing to remove his helmet and failing to respond to requests to perform field sobriety exercises clearly. Based on driving pattern, physical indicators, and behavior, the operator was placed under arrest for suspicion of Driving Under the Influence.

During the arrest process, the subject resisted lawful commands without violence, pulling away and attempting to prevent being secured in the patrol vehicle. He was ultimately secured and transported to the Orange County DUI Center pursuant to the existing Mutual Aid Agreement with the Orange County Sheriff's Office. After a 20-minute observation period, the subject refused to submit to a lawful breath test after being read the implied consent.

The subject was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Refusal to Submit to a Lawful Breath Test, and Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer Without Violence. The motorcycle was towed from the scene, and related property was secured. The subject was later transported to the Orange County Jail without further incident.

#### **February 7, 2026 – Juvenile Baker Act / Tobacco and THC Seizure**

On February 7, 2026, at approximately 10:01 p.m., an officer conducting traffic enforcement in the area of McCoy Road and Lindos Drive observed a juvenile riding a bicycle eastbound in the roadway without required lighting equipment during nighttime hours. A stop was conducted, and the individual verbally identified himself as 15 years old.

While speaking with the juvenile, a sealed package of cigars was observed in plain view inside his pocket. Due to his age, he was instructed to empty his pockets. He removed two suspected THC vape devices, along with cash and dice. Based on training and experience, the devices were believed to contain THC in excess of the legal limit. The juvenile began exhibiting nervous behavior and repeatedly reached for his waistband.

For officer safety, he was secured. An object protruding from his waistband was observed, and a probable cause search was conducted. A black-and-white plastic item designed to resemble a firearm was recovered. The juvenile acknowledged that the item appeared to be a firearm. The suspected THC vape devices were seized and submitted for destruction in accordance with department procedures.

During the investigation, the juvenile stated he used tobacco and THC products to cope with stress and to prevent thoughts of harming himself or others. He disclosed prior suicidal thoughts approximately three months earlier and stated he continued using these products to prevent those thoughts from returning.

Based on these statements and the totality of circumstances, the juvenile was transported to a behavioral health facility for professional evaluation under the Baker Act. His parent responded to the scene and were notified of the transport location.

### **February 9, 2026 – Residential Burglary**

On February 9, 2026, at approximately 10:30 a.m., officers responded to a residence on Darden Avenue in reference to a burglary reported to have occurred over the weekend. Upon arrival, contact was made with an adult male who advised he had arrived at the residence at approximately 10:15 a.m. and discovered the rear door adjacent to the pool area open. He stated the last time he observed the listed property inside the home was February 7, 2026, at approximately 4:00 p.m.

The complainant reported that multiple tools, tool bags, and a Bluetooth speaker were missing from inside the residence. He stated he had not given anyone permission to remove the items and did not know who may have taken them. Inspection of the property revealed a side-fence gate without a lock and a rear door unlocked, with a key left inside. No signs of forced entry or visible damage were observed. The complainant indicated he wished to pursue prosecution.

A sworn written statement was obtained listing 21 items with an estimated total value of \$2,570. The items included various power tools, hand tools, measuring devices, and accessories. Officers canvassed the surrounding area with negative results. The exterior gate and rear door were processed for latent prints; however, due to surface conditions, no usable prints were recovered. Photographs were taken and uploaded into evidence.

On February 10, 2026, contact was made with the homeowner at the residence, and a sworn written statement was obtained. The homeowner confirmed no one had been permitted to enter the home or remove property. A Victim's Rights brochure was provided, and the investigation remains active pending further leads.

### **February 10, 2026 – Fraud Investigation**

On February 10, 2026, at approximately 5:00 p.m., an officer responded to a business located on Conway Road in reference to a reported fraud. Upon arrival, contact was made with the complainant, who advised that on December 5, 2025, his PayPal account had been accessed and used without authorization. The complainant stated that two unauthorized transactions were completed using payment methods linked to his account, including a business debit card and a business credit card.

The complainant reported that he did not make the purchases and did not provide his login credentials to anyone. He advised that the transaction receipts reflected deliveries to an individual at a shipping address in San Diego, California. Copies of the transaction receipts were displayed and provided electronically for documentation. The total reported loss was \$3,296.32.

The complainant stated that upon discovering the unauthorized activity, he immediately changed his PayPal password and contacted PayPal customer support to report the fraudulent transactions. He advised that he does not know who may have committed the offense and that he had not given anyone permission to access or use his account. A sworn written statement was completed, and the complainant signed for prosecution. A Victim's Rights brochure was provided. The investigation remains active pending further follow-up.

### **February 11, 2026 – Arrest / Resisting Without Violence / Driving While License Suspended**

On February 11, 2026, at approximately 11:36 a.m., an officer was conducting a general patrol in the area of Hoffner Avenue and Peninsular Drive when a silver SUV traveling westbound made an abrupt right turn without signaling. The vehicle later passed the officer again, at which time the driver was observed not wearing a seatbelt. The vehicle made another sharp turn onto Embassy Street and pulled into the carport of a residence. A traffic stop was initiated.

Upon contact, the driver stated he did not have his driver's license on him. When asked about the residence, the driver gave inconsistent statements and appeared overly nervous. A records check revealed the driver's license had been suspended in August 2025, with prior notice provided. While the officer was inside the patrol vehicle completing the investigation, the driver fled on foot. The officer pursued on foot in full uniform and gave commands to stop. The subject attempted to jump a fence at a nearby residence, causing damage, but was taken into custody without further incident.

The subject later admitted he ran because he was currently on bond for a prior arrest related to driving without a valid license. He also admitted he did not know the residents of the home where he had parked. The vehicle was inventoried and towed from the scene. The subject was arrested for Resisting an Officer Without Violence and Knowingly Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid Driver's License and transported without incident.

The homeowner of the damaged fence was later contacted and provided a sworn written statement estimating approximately \$300 in damage. After further review, it was determined that the damage did not meet the statutory requirements for criminal mischief because there was no intent. The homeowner was advised and indicated he would seek cost recovery for the damage.

### **February 17, 2026 – Arrest / Driving While License Suspended (HTO)**

On February 17, 2026, at approximately 10:26 a.m., an officer was conducting traffic enforcement in the area of Hoffner Avenue and Dorian Avenue when a silver SUV traveling westbound was observed bearing a Florida registration that had expired on October 5, 2025. A traffic stop was initiated.

Upon contact, the driver provided a Florida driver's license. A records check through FCIC/NCIC revealed the driver's license had been suspended since October 6, 2025, and the

driver was designated as a Habitual Traffic Offender. It was further noted that the driver held both a 2021 Florida driver's license and a 2024 Florida identification card.

Based on the investigation, the driver was placed under arrest for Driving While License Suspended – Habitual Traffic Offender and issued citations for that offense and for Expired Registration. The vehicle was released to the passenger with the driver's consent.

### **February 17, 2026 – Domestic Disturbance / Battery Arrest**

On the above date and time, officers responded to a residence in the City of Belle Isle regarding a domestic disturbance involving a possible battery. Upon arrival, officers made contact with an adult male at the front door who displayed visible bright red swelling on the right side of his forehead, red markings on the back of his head and neck, and a fresh bloodied scratch on his neck. He advised that he and his spouse had been involved in a heated verbal dispute that escalated into a physical altercation. He further advised that his spouse and their nine-year-old child were inside the residence.

Officers made contact with the spouse and the child in the main bedroom. The spouse was crying, visibly distraught, and had a laceration on her right elbow. She was unable to explain how she sustained the injury. She stated the argument began after a discussion about a possible noise in the attic. According to her account, the verbal dispute intensified in the hallway near the child's bedroom. She admitted to striking her husband in the face during the altercation. She further stated that he subsequently struck his own head against a closet door and that she called 911 out of fear. A sworn written statement was obtained.

The male party provided a separate, sworn, written statement. He advised that the argument escalated after a text message exchange and that he attempted to disengage. He stated his spouse struck him multiple times in the face, neck, and shoulder area with a closed fist. He further advised that he was struck in the back of the head, causing him to lose balance and fall forward into the hallway closet door. Officers observed damage to the closet door consistent with his statement and consistent with the injury observed to his forehead.

The child was interviewed and provided an account consistent with both parties regarding the verbal dispute. However, she stated she observed her mother strike her father more than once in the hallway area prior to him falling and striking his head.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, including physical injuries, observed damage to the closet door, sworn statements, and the corroborating statement of the child, probable cause was established to determine the female party as the primary aggressor. She was placed under arrest for Domestic Violence Battery and transported to the Orange County Jail without incident.

The victim was provided with a domestic violence victim's rights pamphlet and additional resources. One rifle, one handgun, and forty-three rounds of ammunition were removed from the residence for safekeeping. A domestic violence lethality assessment was conducted, and it did

not indicate a potentially lethal situation. The Department of Children and Families was notified due to the child witnessing the incident, and the report was accepted.

### **February 18, 2026 – Criminal Mischief (Mailbox Damage)**

On February 18, 2026, at approximately 7:30 p.m., officers responded to a residence on Nela Avenue in reference to a reported criminal mischief. The homeowner advised that his mailbox, valued at approximately \$50, had been damaged earlier in the evening.

The complainant stated the damage occurred between approximately 6:06 p.m. and 6:09 p.m., based on his home security camera timestamps. The video footage did not capture any identifiable suspect or object responsible for the damage.

A sworn written statement was obtained, and the homeowner was provided with a Victim's Rights pamphlet. The case is documented pending any further leads.

### **February 18, 2026 – Business Filing Fraud Report**

On February 18, 2026, at approximately 10:24 a.m., an individual responded to the Belle Isle Police Department to request documentation regarding suspected fraudulent activity involving a registered business. The complainant advised that he incorporated the business in 2022 and later discovered that his name had been removed from the business filing without authorization on multiple occasions.

The complainant reported that on December 11, 2024, an unauthorized individual replaced his name on the business registration. He further advised that similar unauthorized changes occurred on January 15, 2025, and February 5, 2025, involving different individuals. The complainant stated he did not authorize any of the changes and does not know the individuals listed.

The complainant advised that a representative from Sunbiz requested that a police report be attached to the business profile to document the fraudulent activity and help prevent further unauthorized changes. A sworn written statement was obtained, and the complainant was provided with the corresponding case number. The report was completed for documentation purposes.

### **February 20, 2026 – Neighbor Dispute / Camera Complaint**

On February 20, 2026, at approximately 1:49 p.m., an officer responded to the Belle Isle Police Department in reference to a reported neighbor dispute at a residence on Cove Drive within the City of Belle Isle. The complainant advised that a neighboring resident had installed an exterior security camera that she believed was positioned to capture areas of her residence, including her bedroom windows. She expressed concern that the camera placement violated her expectation of privacy and referenced Florida Statute 810.145 relating to video voyeurism.

The complainant stated this issue had been ongoing for several years and described it as part of a broader dispute between the parties. She further advised that prior contacts with law enforcement

had occurred regarding disagreements with the same neighbor and expressed frustration with the situation.

At the time of the report, the complaint was documented. No immediate evidence of criminal activity was observed, and no indication was found that the camera was installed in a concealed or covert manner as described under the statute cited. The complainant was advised to document any future incidents and to contact law enforcement if additional concerns arise.

This report was completed for informational purposes.

### **February 21, 2026 – Burglary of Conveyance**

On February 21, 2026, at approximately 6:30 a.m., an officer responded to a business located on McCoy Road in reference to a burglary of a rental vehicle. Upon arrival, a representative of the rental company was contacted, who advised that the damaged vehicle was the company's and was parked on site.

An inspection of the gray Chevrolet Malibu revealed the driver's side window had been completely shattered, with glass debris scattered on the ground surrounding the vehicle. A red substance consistent in appearance with blood was observed on the exterior of the driver's side door and on the ground adjacent to the vehicle. The front passenger window also displayed chip marks consistent with an apparent unsuccessful attempt to break the glass. Based on the damage observed, the vehicle had been forcibly entered by an unknown individual.

The scene was processed for forensic evidence. One latent fingerprint was lifted from the front passenger door handle, and a biological sample of the red substance was collected using a sterile swab kit. Both items were submitted into evidence. A preliminary canvass for surveillance footage was conducted; however, access to video was not immediately available and would require follow-up.

Although the elements of burglary were present, the company representative declined prosecution and requested documentation for insurance purposes only. This case has been placed on inactive status pending further developments, following the declination to prosecute.

### **February 22, 2026 – Grand Theft (E-Bike)**

On February 22, 2026, a report was received regarding a stolen electronic bicycle from a business located on Conway Road. Upon arrival, contact was made with the victim and a manager at the location. Due to a language barrier, the manager initially explained the incident's circumstances.

The manager provided surveillance video showing that at approximately 12:57 p.m., an unknown tall, slender black male wearing a black tank top, blue jeans, and bright red shoes approached the e-bike in the rear parking lot. The video shows the suspect inspecting the bicycle, cutting the

securing chain with an unknown object, and walking the e-bike northbound out of camera view. An immediate area check was conducted with negative results.

With the assistance of a translator, the victim provided a sworn written statement. He advised that upon discovering the bicycle missing, he immediately notified management. The victim estimated the value of the e-bike at approximately \$800. He advised that he possesses the serial number but would need to retrieve it from his residence, and he was unable to recall the make or model at the time of the report. He expressed a desire to prosecute.

The victim was provided with a Victim's Rights brochure and case information. He was advised to provide the serial number and any additional identifying details as soon as they become available. The surveillance footage was uploaded into evidence.

### **February 24, 2026 – Criminal Mischief**

On February 24, 2026, at approximately 11:46 a.m., an officer was dispatched to a business located on South Orange Avenue within the City of Belle Isle in reference to criminal mischief. Upon arrival, contact was made with a business technician who had been notified that the ice vending machine system had gone offline at approximately 12:00 a.m. that morning.

The technician advised that upon inspection, multiple machine components had been forcibly yanked, pulled, and stripped, resulting in approximately \$2,000 in damage. An on-scene inspection revealed that the dispensing chute and metal panels had been torn from the unit, internal components were exposed, and detached parts were scattered on the ground. The machine was rendered inoperable. The damage appeared intentional and consistent with the use of force.

A surveillance camera was mounted in the area; however, it was reported to be inoperable at the time of the incident. A canvass of surrounding properties did not locate any additional cameras facing the vending machine. Attempts to obtain latent fingerprints were unsuccessful.

A sworn written statement was obtained from the business representative, who signed a declaration of prosecution. Photographs of the damage were taken and uploaded into evidence. A Victim's Rights pamphlet and case information were provided.

### **February 25, 2026 – Driving Without a Valid Driver's License**

On February 25, 2026, at approximately 10:19 p.m., an officer conducting traffic enforcement in the area of Hoffner Avenue and Venetian Avenue observed a white Toyota Rav-4 traveling eastbound. A records query of the vehicle's tag revealed the registered owner did not have a Florida driver's license or identification card on file.

A traffic stop was initiated at the intersection of Hoffner Avenue and Montmart Drive. The driver provided a foreign consular identification card and stated he did not possess a Florida driver's

license. When asked why he did not have one, he stated he was unable to obtain one and had been in Florida for approximately 22 years.

The driver was ordered out of the vehicle, secured in handcuffs, and placed under arrest for Operating a Motor Vehicle Without a Valid Driver's License, Never Issued (F.S.S. 322.03(1)). A search incident to arrest yielded negative results. The driver was read his Miranda rights and agreed to speak. During the post-Miranda conversation, he reiterated that he had never been issued a Florida driver's license.

The vehicle was released to a friend of the driver at the scene. A Criminal Uniform Traffic Citation was issued, and the driver was transported to the appropriate booking facility without incident.

### **February 27, 2026 – Fraud / Theft Report**

On February 27, 2026, at approximately 11:05 a.m., an officer responded to a residence on Bell Tower Court within the City of Belle Isle in reference to suspected fraudulent activity and alleged theft. Upon arrival, contact was made with the complainant, who reported possible identity fraud, theft, and unauthorized entry into his residence, allegedly occurring on September 16, 2025. During the interview, the complainant provided inconsistent details and introduced additional information, making it difficult to establish a clear timeline of events.

The complainant identified two possible suspects and alleged that various personal belongings had been taken from his residence. He was initially reluctant to provide a sworn written statement and stated he preferred to wait until family members arrived. Shortly thereafter, family members responded to the residence and advised that they would be willing to provide sworn written statements at a later date regarding their knowledge of the situation.

The complainant advised he intended to provide supporting documentation at a later date, including bank records, receipts, serial numbers, and an itemized list of allegedly stolen property. At the time of the report, he expressed hesitation about pursuing criminal charges and requested documentation for case number purposes to notify his financial institutions. Statement forms were provided, and he was advised to contact law enforcement once all documentation was prepared. He was issued a Victim's Rights pamphlet and case information.

On February 28, 2026, multiple attempts were made to contact the complainant by telephone to obtain an update regarding a sworn written statement and supporting documentation. The attempts were unsuccessful, and a voicemail message was left. The case remains pending additional information.

### **February 27, 2026 – DUI Arrest (Mutual Aid)**

On February 27, 2026, at approximately 1:22 a.m., an officer observed a black Toyota Tundra traveling northbound on South Orange Avenue after making a wide right turn from Royal Palm Avenue. The vehicle swerved between lanes multiple times, crossed the white dotted lane divider

and the solid fog line into the bicycle lane, and traveled at a speed exceeding the posted 45 mph limit. These violations were observed outside the Belle Isle Police Department's jurisdiction.

Pursuant to the existing Mutual Aid Agreement between the Belle Isle Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Office, which authorizes DUI investigations outside jurisdiction, the Orange County Sheriff's Office watch commander was notified and confirmed mutual aid. A traffic stop was conducted at a business located on South Orange Avenue.

Upon contact, the driver provided a Wisconsin driver's license. The officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage and observed bloodshot, watery eyes, slurred speech, and noticeable orbital sway. The driver stated he was coming from a club but denied consuming alcohol. He later advised that he had been living in Florida for approximately two months.

The driver exited the vehicle and continued to display signs of impairment. He advised that he suffered from anxiety, ADHD, and bipolar disorder and stated he was prescribed Clonazepam. He declined medical assistance. The driver agreed to participate in Standardized Field Sobriety Exercises but became argumentative and provided incoherent responses. When asked if he was refusing to continue the exercises, he remained silent. Based on the totality of observations, he was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence and Violation of Nonresident Driver's License Requirements. A search incident to arrest yielded negative results. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

The driver was transported to the Orange County DUI Center under mutual aid authority. After a completed 20-minute observation period by a Breath Test Operator, the driver was requested to provide a breath sample. He refused before and after being read the implied consent warning. While in a holding cell, he attempted to maneuver his handcuffs to the front of his body and briefly resisted instructions before being secured.

The driver was transported to the booking facility without further incident. Charges include Driving Under the Influence (F.S.S. 316.193(1)), Refusal to Submit to a Lawful Breath Test (F.S.S. 316.1939(1)), Resisting Without Violence (F.S.S. 843.02), and Violation of Nonresident Driver Requirements (F.S.S. 322.031(1)). Appropriate citations were issued.

### **February 28, 2026 – Reckless Driving Arrest / Firearm Secured**

On February 28, 2026, at approximately 12:30 a.m., an officer conducting traffic enforcement in the area of Hansel Avenue and Oak Ridge Road observed a silver Mitsubishi SUV traveling northbound at a high rate of speed during rainy conditions on wet roadways. The vehicle was estimated to be traveling in excess of 85 mph in a posted 40 mph zone. The officer accelerated to approximately 83 mph to catch up as the vehicle swerved around other traffic, demonstrating willful and wanton disregard for the safety of persons and property.

A traffic stop was conducted in the area of Orange Avenue and Gatlin Avenue. The vehicle came to rest in the middle of the intersection, atop a crosswalk, angled toward the opposing lanes of

travel. Upon contact, the driver displayed bloodshot watery eyes, dilated pupils, and an odor consistent with possible substance use. In plain view beneath the driver's side floor mat, the bottom portion of a firearm and an extended magazine were observed. The driver was removed from the vehicle and secured in handcuffs for officer safety.

The firearm was identified as a Taurus G2C semi-automatic handgun with an extended magazine containing 9mm ammunition. A Creole-speaking deputy responded to assist with translation. After being read Miranda rights in Creole, the driver stated the firearm did not belong to him and claimed he was attempting to bring it to a police station. A records check confirmed he was not a convicted felon. He also stated he had taken herbal pills for a headache—an inventory of the vehicle located herbal supplements that were not identified as controlled substances.

The driver was placed under arrest for Reckless Driving (F.S.S. 316.192(1)(a)). The vehicle was towed from the scene. The firearm, magazine, and ammunition were logged into property for safekeeping pending proof of ownership. The driver was transported to the Orange County Jail without incident.

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## **Traffic Crash Reports**

Belle Isle PD investigated 10 crashes in February, ranging from minor collisions to more serious incidents involving injuries and significant property damage. Below is a brief overview of each incident:

### **February 10, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Rear-End Collision)**

On February 10, 2026, at approximately 10:35 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash on Hoffner Avenue, south of Venetian Avenue, within the City of Belle Isle. Both vehicles were traveling eastbound on Hoffner Avenue at the time of the incident.

Vehicle 2 began slowing due to traffic conditions ahead. Vehicle 1 failed to reduce speed in time and collided with the rear of Vehicle 2. The impact caused damage to both vehicles. The collision occurred during daylight hours under clear weather conditions, and the roadway was dry.

No injuries were reported at the scene. Both vehicles were removed by their respective drivers. The driver of Vehicle 1 was issued a citation for careless operation resulting in an accident.

### **February 16, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Rear-End Collision)**

On February 16, 2026, at approximately 7:00 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle traffic crash on Hansel Avenue south of Fairlane Avenue within the City of Belle Isle. The crash occurred during daylight hours, under cloudy skies, with wet roadways.

Vehicle 2 was traveling northbound in the left lane of Hansel Avenue, approaching Oak Ridge Road, and slowed for traffic ahead. Vehicle 1, traveling directly behind Vehicle 2, failed to stop

in time and collided with the rear of Vehicle 2. The impact caused moderate damage to both vehicles.

Orange County Fire Rescue responded to the scene. Both drivers were evaluated and cleared without transport. Vehicle 1 sustained approximately \$1,000 in damage, and Vehicle 2 sustained approximately \$500 in damage. Both vehicles could be driven from the scene.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was issued a citation for careless driving causing an accident.

#### **February 21, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Rear-End Collision)**

On February 21, 2026, at approximately 6:43 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hansel Avenue just south of Waltham Avenue within the City of Belle Isle. The crash occurred during dark but lighted conditions under clear skies with a dry roadway.

Both vehicles were traveling northbound in the right lane of Hansel Avenue. Vehicle 1 was moving at a slow rate due to traffic conditions ahead near the Hansel Avenue and Hoffner Avenue intersection. According to the driver of Vehicle 1, Vehicle 2 was traveling closely behind when it collided with the rear bumper of Vehicle 1. The driver of Vehicle 2 stated Vehicle 1 abruptly stopped with no traffic immediately ahead, resulting in the collision.

Orange County Fire Rescue evaluated the driver of Vehicle 2, who refused transport. The driver and one passenger of Vehicle 1 denied injury. Vehicle 1 sustained approximately \$500 in damage, and Vehicle 2 sustained approximately \$5,000 in damage. Both vehicles were removed from the scene by their respective drivers.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was issued a citation for Careless Driving (F.S.S. 316.1925(1)).

#### **February 22, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Sideswipe Collision)**

On February 22, 2026, at approximately 2:15 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of East Oak Ridge Road and Hansel Avenue within the City of Belle Isle. The crash occurred during daylight hours, under clear skies, on a dry roadway.

Both vehicles were initially stopped at the eastbound traffic signal on Oak Ridge Road at Hansel Avenue. When the traffic light turned green, both vehicles proceeded northbound onto Hansel Avenue. During the turn, Vehicle 1 failed to maintain its lane and struck Vehicle 2. The front right bumper of Vehicle 1 collided with the rear left bumper of Vehicle 2.

The collision resulted in approximately \$2,000 in damage to each vehicle. Both drivers denied injury and declined medical response. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was issued a uniform traffic citation for failure to maintain lane.

#### **February 23, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Improper Turn)**

On February 23, 2026, at approximately 11:45 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Judge Road and Franconia Drive within the City of Belle Isle. The crash occurred during daylight hours, under clear skies, on a dry roadway.

Both vehicles were traveling westbound on Judge Road, with Vehicle 1 in front of Vehicle 2. Vehicle 1 moved outward to the left in an apparent attempt to make a wide right turn onto Franconia Drive. As Vehicle 1 initiated the right turn, it crossed back into the westbound lane and into the path of Vehicle 2, resulting in a collision.

Vehicle 1 sustained damage to the right front passenger side door. Vehicle 2 sustained damage to the left front bumper and fender area. No injuries were reported. Both vehicles were removed from the scene by their respective drivers.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was found at fault for failing to ensure the lane was clear before turning and was issued a citation for Careless Driving in violation of F.S. 316.1925.

D1, riding a black electric bike, was traveling westbound on the sidewalk of Hoffner Avenue. D2 was stopped at a stop sign facing northbound on Darden Avenue and slowly moved forward to clear traffic. D1 failed to stop before entering the roadway and collided with V2 in the crosswalk. As a result, D1 was ejected from the e-bike and sustained a minor laceration to the right shin. D1 was transported by Orange County Fire Rescue 70 to Orlando Regional Medical Center (ORMC).

It is unknown whether the black e-bike is functional at the time of this report. D2's vehicle sustained a minor dent on the front right bumper. V2 is functional and was removed from the scene by D2. D1's e-bike was removed from the scene by a friend of D1.

#### **February 24, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Rear-End Collision)**

On February 24, 2026, at approximately 8:30 a.m., officers responded to a traffic crash at the intersection of Daetwyler Road and McCoy Road within the City of Belle Isle. The crash occurred during daylight hours under clear weather conditions on a dry roadway at a four-way intersection.

Vehicle 1 and Vehicle 2 were both traveling southbound on Daetwyler Road, with Vehicle 2 traveling in front. As Vehicle 2 approached McCoy Road to turn westbound, it slowed to yield. Vehicle 1 failed to reduce speed and collided with the rear of Vehicle 2.

Vehicle 1 sustained damage to the front right bumper, and Vehicle 2 sustained damage to the left rear bumper. No injuries were reported at the scene. Both vehicles were driven from the scene by their respective drivers.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was determined to be at fault and was issued a Uniform Traffic Citation for Following Too Closely in violation of Florida Statute 316.0895(1).

### **February 24, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Rear-End Collision)**

On February 24, 2026, at approximately 7:16 a.m., officers responded to a traffic crash on McCoy Road near Daetwyler Drive within the City of Belle Isle. The crash occurred during daylight hours under clear weather conditions on a dry roadway.

Both vehicles were traveling southbound on Daetwyler Drive. As the vehicles navigated the curve approaching McCoy Road, Driver 1 believed Driver 2 had cleared the intersection and continued forward. The front bumper of Vehicle 1 subsequently struck the rear bumper of Vehicle 2.

Vehicle 2 sustained minor white paint transfer with no visible dents. Vehicle 1 sustained minor damage, with slight displacement of the right front bumper. Both vehicles remained operational and were driven from the scene by their respective drivers.

No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued in connection with this crash.

### **February 24, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Front-to-Front Collision)**

On February 24, 2026, at approximately 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a traffic crash on Hoffner Avenue near Conway Road within the City of Belle Isle. The crash occurred during daylight hours under clear weather conditions on a dry roadway at a four-way intersection.

Vehicle 1 was traveling westbound on Hoffner Avenue in the designated left-turn lane for access to local businesses. Vehicle 2 was traveling eastbound on Hoffner Avenue in the right lane of travel. After eastbound traffic in the left lane came to a stop, Vehicle 1 attempted to cross the two eastbound lanes. In doing so, Vehicle 1 entered the path of Vehicle 2 and collided head-on with the front of Vehicle 2.

Both vehicles sustained disabling damage in the collision. No injuries were reported at the scene. Both vehicles were removed by their respective owners.

The driver of Vehicle 1 was found at fault and issued a citation for Careless Driving resulting in a crash.

### **February 25, 2026 – Traffic Crash (Sideswipe Collision)**

On February 25, 2026, at approximately 6:30 a.m., officers responded to a traffic crash on Hoffner Avenue near Venetian Avenue within the City of Belle Isle. The crash occurred during daylight hours under clear weather conditions on a dry roadway.

Vehicle 1 was traveling westbound on Hoffner Avenue behind Vehicle 2 at approximately 25 mph. As both vehicles passed the 1900 block of Hoffner Avenue, Vehicle 1 attempted to overtake and pass Vehicle 2 by crossing over double yellow centerlines in a no-passing zone. Vehicle 2 increased speed as Vehicle 1 attempted the maneuver. Vehicle 1 then accelerated further and

attempted to merge back into the westbound lane in front of Vehicle 2. During the merge, the rear passenger-side quarter panel of Vehicle 1 struck the front driver-side quarter panel of Vehicle 2.

Both vehicles sustained approximately \$500 in damage. No injuries were reported at the scene, and fire rescue did not respond. Both vehicles were driven from the scene by their respective owners.

Both drivers were cited for Careless Driving resulting in a crash.

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### **Code Enforcement**

In February, Code Enforcement opened 81 new cases and closed 79, reflecting continued steady activity and follow-through across the City. The highest volume category remained parking violations, with 31 cases opened and 31 closed. Watering violations also remained active, with 24 opened and 23 resolved. RV, utility trailer, and watercraft issues accounted for 10 new cases, with 8 brought into compliance. Additional activity included abandoned vehicles (2 opened, 2 closed), animal control (1 opened, 1 closed), residential sidewalk issues (2 opened, 2 closed), public nuisance complaints (2 opened, 3 closed), stormwater concerns (2 opened, 1 closed), and expired tags (2 opened, 0 closed). Several prior cases were also resolved in categories where no new cases were opened, including commercial vehicles, tree permits, rental property compliance, rental permits, and accessory structures. Overall, the numbers show consistent enforcement, balanced case management, and ongoing attention to neighborhood quality-of-life issues.

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### **Prepared and Respectfully Submitted,**

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