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**Sheriff**



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**County of Lee**

**To: Captain Jakacki**

**Date: 03/21/21**

**Thru: Lieutenant Bernie Faccilonga**  
**Lieutenant Tim Galloway**

**From: Sergeant Rich Zeltman**

**Re: March 2021 Fort Myers Beach Chamber Deputy of the Month  
Nomination, Deputy Kenny Tillman**

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On Sunday morning, March 21, 2021, the Lee County Sheriff's Office received a call in reference to a stolen boat that occurred behind the Sand Castle Beach Club, 905 Estero Blvd, Fort Myers Beach.

Deputy Tillman responded to this incident and came in contact with the victim. The investigation revealed someone entered the victim's 22 foot Sea Hunt center console boat valued at \$25000 that was tied up to a dock behind the Sand Castle Beach Club. Unfortunately, the victim left the keys in the ignition. The perpetrator then drove the boat into the Matanzas pass where he crashed it into a nearby small island. There were no witnesses and the subject fled the scene to prevent capture.

Deputy Tillman reviewed Surveillance video at the Sand Castle Beach Club to see if any footage captured the incident. Although the cameras were not facing the dock directly, Deputy Tillman noticed a male walking toward the dock, but never returning. A snapshot of the individual was captured by Tillman to be shared with other Deputies.

On this same Sunday afternoon, Deputy Tillman while patrolling the beach, noticed an individual who matched the description of a suspect he observed on video. The male was standing next to a picnic table at the Crescent Beach Family Park. Tillman notified Sergeant Zeltman and on duty Detective John Lindholm about his observation. These Deputies decided to approach the male and questioned him about the boat theft. The male provided a full confession admitting to stealing the boat and grounding it at a nearby island.

Without the proactive patrols and watchful eye of Deputy Tillman, this criminal may not have been located and brought to justice. Great Job Deputy Tillman.

I Sergeant Zeltman nominate Deputy Tillman for the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce Deputy of the Month.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sgt. Richard Zeltman 04-024**



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