

***Carmine Marceno***  
**Sheriff**



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**County of Lee**

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To: Captain Lalor  
Thru: Lt Bonora  
From: Sgt Petrulis  
Date: 7-27-2022  
Re: Deputy of the Month

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Deputies Armato and Tovar responded to the Sanibel Causeway reference a female having a mental episode. Upon arrival they found a white female rolling around in the sand and crawling over the shells on the beach.

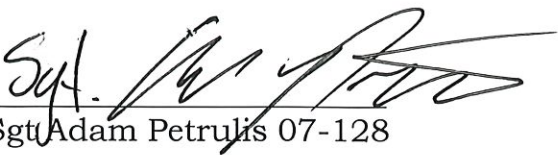
After a short time, the female proceeded into the water away from the shore. Lee County Marine Unit arrived on scene and attempted to get the female out of the water and into the boat.

As the Marine Unit Deputy was trying to pull the female up she began to try to go under the boat and pull the Marine Deputy into the water. The Marine Unit began to radio for help and stated the female was trying to drown herself.

Deputies Armato and Tovar entered the water and went out to the Marine Unit. Deputies Armato and Tovar were able to successfully stop the female from going under the boat and pulling the Marine Deputy in the water as well.

The female was taken into custody and transported to the nearest hospital to receive care. Due to the efforts of both Deputy Armato and Tovar, they were able to stop the female from harming herself and possibly the Marine Deputy in the process.

Deputy Armato and Tovar went above the call of Deputy and should be commended as such.

  
Sgt Adam Petrulis 07-128



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