


# BAL HARBOUR

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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 093-2020

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council  
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager   
Date: July 2, 2020  
Subject: **Bal Harbour Police Department Weekly Report for the period of June 26, 2020 through July 1, 2020**

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to transmit to you a Weekly Report from the Bal Harbour Police Department that I requested in order to enhance the flow of communication and transparency.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call Chief Raleigh Flowers or me directly.

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## Bal Harbour Police Department Weekly Summary

**2020 Week #26:** Friday, June 26, 2020, through Wednesday, July 01, 2020

| Calls for Service   |           | Reports      |           | Arrests                      |           | Code Enforcement              |    | Traffic Enforcement |           |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----|---------------------|-----------|
| Primary             | 32        | Incident     | 13        | Felony                       | 00        | Violations                    | 01 | Citations           | 06        |
| Assist Other Agency | 00        | Crash        | 01        | Misdemeanor Includes Traffic | 01        | Warnings - Verbal and Written | 06 | Warnings            | 34        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>32</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>Total</b>                 | <b>01</b> | Investigations                | 84 | Parking             | 09        |
|                     |           |              |           |                              |           |                               |    | <b>Total</b>        | <b>49</b> |

**2019 Week #26:** Friday June 21, 2019, through Thursday, June 27, 2019

| <i>Calls for Service</i> |           | <i>Reports</i> |           | <i>Arrests</i>               |           | <i>Code Enforcement</i> |    | <i>Traffic Enforcement</i> |            |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----|----------------------------|------------|
| Primary                  | 26        | Incident       | 09        | Felony                       | 01        | Violations              | 00 | Citations                  | 23         |
| Assist Other Agency      | 02        | Crash          | 01        | Misdemeanor Includes Traffic | 00        | Warnings                | 00 | Warnings                   | 66         |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>28</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>Total</b>                 | <b>01</b> | Investigations          | 00 | Parking                    | 14         |
|                          |           |                |           |                              |           |                         |    | <b>Total</b>               | <b>103</b> |

### Weekly Marine Patrol Enforcement

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| Stops     | 06 |
| Contacts  | 47 |
| AOA       | 00 |
| Reports   | 00 |
| Citations | 00 |
| Warnings  | 06 |

### Enforcement Activity Summary

| Friday, June 26                                 |           |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Traffic Enforcement Details                     |           |          |
| Location / Detail Type                          | Citations | Warnings |
| Parking Enforcement Village Wide                | 01        | 00       |
| Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue             | 00        | 00       |
| 9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns | 00        | 01       |
| North Lot / Frontage Road                       | 00        | 00       |
| Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details    | 00        | 00       |
| Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk          | 00        | 00       |
| All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results    | 01        | 08       |

| Saturday, June 27                               |           |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Traffic Enforcement Details                     |           |          |
| Location / Detail Type                          | Citations | Warnings |
| Parking Enforcement Village Wide                | 01        | 00       |
| Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue             | 00        | 00       |
| 9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns | 00        | 00       |
| North Lot / Frontage Road                       | 01        | 00       |
| Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details    | 00        | 00       |
| Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk          | 00        | 00       |
| All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results    | 00        | 00       |

| Sunday, June 28                                 |           |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Traffic Enforcement Details                     |           |          |
| Location / Detail Type                          | Citations | Warnings |
| Parking Enforcement Village Wide                | 00        | 00       |
| Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue             | 00        | 00       |
| 9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns | 00        | 00       |
| North Lot / Frontage Road                       | 00        | 00       |
| Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details    | 00        | 00       |
| Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk          | 00        | 00       |
| All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results    | 00        | 03       |

| Monday, June 29                                 |           |          |
|---|-----------|----------|
| Traffic Enforcement Details                     |           |          |
| Location / Detail Type                          | Citations | Warnings |
| Parking Enforcement Village Wide                | 03        | 00       |
| Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue             | 00        | 02       |
| 9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns | 00        | 00       |
| North Lot / Frontage Road                       | 00        | 02       |
| Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details    | 00        | 00       |
| Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk          | 02        | 03       |
| All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results    | 02        | 01       |

| <b>Tuesday, June 30</b>                         |                  |                 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Traffic Enforcement Details</b>              |                  |                 |
| <b>Location / Detail Type</b>                   | <b>Citations</b> | <b>Warnings</b> |
| Parking Enforcement Village Wide                | 04               | 00              |
| Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue             | 00               | 00              |
| 9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns | 00               | 00              |
| North Lot / Frontage Road                       | 00               | 03              |
| Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details    | 00               | 00              |
| Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk          | 00               | 00              |
| All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results    | 00               | 03              |

| <b>Wednesday, July 01</b>                       |                  |                 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Traffic Enforcement Details</b>              |                  |                 |
| <b>Location / Detail Type</b>                   | <b>Citations</b> | <b>Warnings</b> |
| Parking Enforcement Village Wide                | 00               | 00              |
| Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue             | 00               | 00              |
| 9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns | 00               | 00              |
| North Lot / Frontage Road                       | 00               | 02              |
| Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details    | 00               | 00              |
| Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk          | 00               | 00              |
| All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results    | 00               | 06              |

## Summary of Activities and Events

### Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officers (CEOs) issued a code violation notice to a construction site on the 200 Block of Bal Bay Drive. The site removed shrubs that concealed the work area and failed to properly shield the site from view and landscape visible areas adjacent to the sidewalk. CEOs returned to the site and noted it was brought within code compliance requirements.

While patrolling the gated community, CEOs noticed unkept lawns at two residences located on the 100 Block of Bal Bay Drive. CEOs issued the owners code violation warnings and will return to the properties to ensure compliance. When CEOs checked the area of Bal Cross Drive, they discovered a third property with overgrown landscaping. CEOs issued the property owners a code violation warning instructing them to mow the lawn.

CEOs discovered a recreational vehicle (RV) parked at a residence on the 200 Block of Bal Bay Drive. The property owner claimed the RV was being used as a work-at-home office. CEOs informed the homeowner of the prohibition against RVs parked on residential property and issued a code violation warning. The owner was instructed to remove the RV from the property.

Code Enforcement Officers patrolling the gated community discovered bulk trash items placed on the curb several days ahead of the scheduled bulk trash pick-up. CEOs issued a written code violation warning and directed the owners to move the items away from the curb.

### Criminal Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) investigated a Fraud/Theft case involving unauthorized withdrawals from an ATM. The investigation linked the theft to the victim's sister-in-law. Detectives interviewed the suspect and obtained an admission of guilt. The victim, however, refused to prosecute and the case was closed without an arrest.

The CID concluded its investigation into two different fraud cases involving counterfeit checks. Detectives worked with bank officials to track the transactions. On both cases, the crimes occurred outside of Bal Harbour Village. The victims were informed of the police departments with proper jurisdiction so the correct agency could continue the investigation.

Detectives investigated an alleged theft at a beachside condominium building. The victim reported her property was stolen from a storage bin. The investigation revealed the victim placed her items in another tenant's storage bin and did not tell management. The owner of the storage bin discovered items in his bin and attempted to locate the owner of the items. Failing to identify who left property in his storage bin, the owner of the storage bin discarded the property. The victim was informed the matter did not meet the statutory requirements for theft and was instructed to seek remedy in the Civil Court system.

## Summary of Noteworthy Calls for Service

|   |                              |                                      |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>06/26/2020</b>   | <b>Burglary to Vehicle</b>   | <b>100 Block of Bal Cross Drive</b>  |
| <p>A resident summoned Bal Harbour police to report that he was missing property from his vehicle. The victim said he left the vehicle unlocked and parked on the street by the curb in front of his residence on 06-25-2020. He discovered the missing property in the morning but did not report it to the police until later in the afternoon. The victim stated the items taken were valued at \$370.00.</p>  |                              |                                      |
| <b>06/26/2020</b>   | <b>Covid19 Investigation</b> | <b>9700 Block of Collins Avenue</b>  |
| <p>Hotel staff summoned the Bal Harbour police department regarding a tenant refusing to adhere to the Isolation/Quarantine requirements. Tourism Director Barret was contacted and he confirmed that the individual had been provided the Bal Harbour Village Emergency Order requirements. Bal Harbour police officers responded, made contact with the individual, re-issued the orders, and reminded him of the ramifications for failure to comply. The tenant understood the order and apologized for his behavior.</p> |                              |                                      |
| <b>06/26/2020</b>   | <b>Conduct Investigation</b> | <b>9600 Block of Collins Avenue</b>  |
| <p>The manager of a condominium restaurant requested a report to document unwanted social media and cell phone text communications allegedly being sent by a resident of the building. The building management was aware of the incident and reported its legal team was conducting an internal investigation of their own and would seek a cease-and-desist order.</p>   |                              |                                      |
| <b>06/27/2020</b>   | <b>Unlawful Soliciting</b>   | <b>9900 Block of Collins Avenue</b>  |
| <p>Bal Harbour police were summoned regarding two individuals soliciting on condominium property. Police officers located the couple and discovered that they worked for a wholesale pharmaceutical company. The employees were advised of the restrictions on solicitation and they left the area without incident.</p>  |                              |                                      |
| <b>06-30-2020</b>   | <b>Warrant Arrest</b>        | <b>10200 Block of Collins Avenue</b> |
| <p>Officers responded to a call of a male laying on the ground next to a bus bench. When officers investigated, they discovered the male had open probation warrants. The male was taken into custody without incident and transported to jail.</p>   |                              |                                      |
| <b>07/01/2020</b>   | <b>Found Property</b>        | <b>9700 Block of Collins Avenue</b>  |
| <p>Patrol officers met with a resident who reported finding a laptop on a bus bench on the east side of Collins Avenue. Officers made attempts to identify the owner of the laptop, but to no avail. Since the laptop had no serial number, no identifying marks, and was in disrepair, officers impounded the laptop and marked it for destruction if unclaimed.</p>   |                              |                                      |

| <b>07/01/2020</b>  | <b>Fraud</b> | <b>9600 Block of Collins Avenue</b> |
|--|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| <p>A resident contacted the Bal Harbour Police Department to report her identification was used to open a fraudulent bank account at a Regions Bank in Texas. The victim believes someone may have used her lost driver's license as identification to open the accounts. The case was referred to the Criminal Investigations Division for follow-up.</p> |              |                                     |

| <b>07/02/2020</b>  | <b>Assist Citizen</b> | <b>9900 Block of Collins Avenue</b> |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <p>Officers patrolling Collins Avenue noticed a man walking on the roadway. When they approached the man, he told the officers he was anxious and in fear that people were trying to kill him. Officers offered the man mental health services which he accepted. He was transported to a mental health facility without incident.</p> |                       |                                     |

Completed by: Mauricio Escarra, Captain

Date: July 02, 2020

