


# BAL HARBOUR

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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 053-2021

To: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council  
From: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager   
Date: April 9, 2021  
Subject: **Bal Harbour Police Department Weekly Report for the period of April 2, 2021, through April 08, 2021**

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

**2021 Week #14:** Friday April 02, 2021, through Thursday, April 08, 2021

<i><b>Calls for Service</b></i>		<i><b>Reports</b></i>		<i><b>Arrests</b></i>		<i><b>Code Enforcement</b></i>		<i><b>Traffic Enforcement</b></i>	
Primary	47	Incident	23	Felony	00	Violations	04	Citations	40
Assist Other Agency	02	Crash	04	Misdemeanor Includes Traffic	00	Warnings - Verbal and Written	01	Warnings	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>00</b>	Investigations	55	Parking	24
								<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>

**2020 Week #14:** Friday April 03, through Thursday, April 09, 2020

<i><b>Calls for Service</b></i>		<i><b>Reports</b></i>		<i><b>Arrests</b></i>		<i><b>Code Enforcement</b></i>		<i><b>Traffic Enforcement</b></i>	
Primary	27	Incident	17	Felony	00	Violations	00	Citations	00
Assist Other Agency	01	Crash	00	Misdemeanor Includes Traffic	00	Warnings	04	Warnings	03
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>00</b>	Investigations	<b>04</b>	Parking	01
								<b>Total</b>	<b>04</b>

### Weekly Marine Patrol Enforcement

Stops	00
Citations	00
Warnings	00
Arrests	00
Reports	00

AOA	00
Contacts	00
Officer Cole on leave all week. Officer Waisman worked patrol due to staffing needs	

### Enforcement Activity Summary

Friday, April 02		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	14	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	03	01
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	04	07

Saturday, April 03		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	02	01
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	11	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	02	03

Sunday, April 04		
Traffic Enforcement Details		
Location / Detail Type	Citations	Warnings
Parking Enforcement Village Wide	03	00
Radar Enforcement on Collins Avenue	02	02
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	04	05

Monday, April 05		
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	02	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	00
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<b>Tuesday, April 06</b>		
<b>Traffic Enforcement Details</b>		
<b>Location / Detail Type</b>	<b>Citations</b>	<b>Warnings</b>
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	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	02	11

<b>Wednesday, April 07</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	01	02
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	00	00
North Lot / Frontage Road	01	01
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	05	00

<b>Thursday, April 08</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	01	03
9700 Collins Avenue / Shops Illegal Right Turns	00	00
North Lot / Frontage Road	01	03
Residential 20 MPH is Plenty AM & PM Details	00	00
Harding Avenue & 96 Street / Crosswalk	00	00
All other Collins Avenue Enforcement Results	01	01

## Summary of Activities and Events

### Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officers (CEOs) responded to a complaint of a crane operating in the 100 Block of Camden Drive. Upon arriving, CEOs confirmed the crane was in use without proper permits. All operations were stopped and the property owner was issued a Code Violation Warning directing him to immediately contact the Building Department for proper permits and instructions.

An anonymous complaint of construction at an address on the 200 Block of Park Drive prompted Code Officers to respond. Their investigation revealed the property owner was building a wooden structure in the rear yard without proper permits. CEOs issued the property owner a Code Violation Notice directing them to the Building Department for proper permits and instructions.

A resident at a beachside condominium complained another resident was not properly controlling her dog. CEOs investigated further and determined the dog owner was following proper leash requirements. However, due to the dog's alleged aggressive behavior, CEOs issued the dog owner a Code Violation Warning reminding the dog owner to continue using a leash at all times and suggesting added training to help her better control the dog.

Code Enforcement Officers assisted Public Works by issuing Code Violation Notices for failure to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System protocols. Two construction sites along Bal Bay Drive were cited and directed to immediately comply with NPDES requirements. The respective contractors were directed to contact Public Works for additional instructions if necessary.

### Criminal Investigations

The CID has ceased its investigation in to a phone scam resulting in the loss of \$28,000. The Victim was scammed into believing his granddaughter was injured out of state and provided the scammer with cash. The scammer used Uber drivers to pick-up and deliver the money. After reviewing several thousand tags from tag reader data, detectives successfully identified the Uber drivers. Serval subpoenas later, detectives learned the Uber destinations and the accounts used to pay the Uber drivers, but the trail ended without identifying a suspect. The investigation began in August 2020, and exemplifies the difficulties in investigating phone scam cases.

Detectives are working with a retailer in the Bal Harbour Shops to identify a suspect responsible for the theft of sunglasses valued at \$580. The suspect is believed to be a regular customer at the store. Detectives are reviewing video and store records in order to make a positive identification.

## Summary of Noteworthy Calls for Service

<b>04/02/2021</b>	<b>Suspicious Person</b>	<b>9700 Collins Avenue</b>
<p>Bal Harbour Shops security personnel discovered an unknown male attempting to conceal himself on the third floor. Officers responded and located the male on the first floor, near Saks Fifth Avenue. The male was determined to be a vagrant that was looking for an area to "squat." The male has been asked to leave the area by security on several occasions. He was given an official trespass warning and left the area without further incident.</p>		
<b>04/03/2021</b>	<b>Disturbance</b>	<b>9700 Collins Avenue</b>
<p>Bal Harbour Shops security and two unknown males engaged in a verbal dispute, the males fled the scene and were subsequently stopped by officers. Security personnel responded and issued an official trespass warning and the males left the area.</p>		
<b>04/05/2021</b>	<b>Theft</b>	<b>9700 Collins Avenue</b>
<p>While conducting an inventory audit, Brioni store associates discovered merchandise missing. A review of security camera footage revealed a known customer remove the merchandise from the display case and exit the store without paying. The Criminal Investigations Division is following up to resolve the matter.</p>		
<b>04/06/2021</b>	<b>Theft</b>	<b>9801 Collins Avenue</b>
<p>Bal Harbour officers were summoned to the location regarding a bicycle theft. The victim said someone removed his bicycle that was stored in the parking garage. Officers requested footage from the perimeter cameras to be forwarded to the Criminal Investigations Division to determine if the incident was captured. The Criminal Investigation Division will conduct a follow-up investigation.</p>		
<b>04/07/2021</b>	<b>Traffic Congestion</b>	<b>Village Wide</b>
<p>Florida Power &amp; Light crews conducting emergency repair work in Bay Harbor Island closed one westbound lane on 96 Street near the Indian Creek Bridge. The lane closure adversely impacted the flow of traffic in Bal Harbour, Surfside, Sunny Isles and Bay Harbor. Bal Harbour Police Personnel coordinated with the neighboring agencies and managed the traffic flow until the repairs were completed.</p>		
<b>04/08/2021</b>	<b>Virtual Kidnapping Scam</b>	<b>9801 Collins Avenue</b>
<p>A Bal Harbour resident received a call from an unknown male stating he was holding the victim's daughter captive and demanded money. The victim withdrew funds and wired \$4000.00 as instructed. The subject warned the victim that his daughter would be harmed if he contacted police. The victim's wife responded to the station and reported the incident. Bal Harbour officers immediately initiated an investigation and tracked down the daughter who was safe and sound.</p>		

The case will be assigned to the Criminal Investigations Section for follow-up.

**Completed by: Raleigh Flowers, Jr., Chief of Police**

**Date: April 09, 2021**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. Flowers', is written below the name 'Raleigh Flowers, Jr.'.