



911 OR NOT

DIAL 911

WITNESS A CRIME IN ACTION

REQUIRE MEDICAL HELP

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

HAVE AN EMERGENCY

NON-EMERGENCY 941-639-2101

NEED DEPUTY RESPONSE WITH NO IMMEDIATE DANGER

ON-GOING ISSUES OR CRIMES THAT ARE NOT IN-PROGRESS

YOU HAVE A GENERAL COMPLAINT

REPORTING A PAST CRIME

" Call when you can, text when you can't. "
Charlotte County Sheriff's Office

30 Day Update

Date:07/10/2026

Suspicious Person:

911 Hang-Up:

Alarm: 1

Disturbance: 1 Argument between neighbors.

Suspicious Activity: 1 BIG SILVER TRUCK GOING 5 MPH WENT DOWN ORIOLE06/12/2026 [2] COMP THINKS HES POSS GOING TO STEAL GOLF CARTS [3] WANTS A DEPUTY TO CHECK IT OUT[4] DOT TOWARDS 776 UNLESS HE TAKES A SIDE STREET CALLER CAN NO LONGER SEE HIM[5] T/L 2 MINUTES AGO[6] TRUCK HAS A BIG TRAILER ATTACHED TO IT AND IT COULD POSS BE A DIESEL. DEPUTY CHECKED THE AREA NO TRUCK LOCATED.

Medical: 2

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For Lemon Bay Isles & Holiday Isles



[Click Here to see the new E-Bike, E-motor, and Electric Motorcycle rules and regulations](#) **[E-Motor Rules and Regs](#)**

Important Traffic Reminder for S McCall Rd

What's Happening?

Deputies are seeing many drivers staying in the **left lane without passing** on S McCall Rd (from the El Jobean Bridge to Beach Rd). This causes traffic backups, frustration, and unsafe lane changes. It also slows down emergency vehicles trying to reach calls for service.

Why It Matters

- Staying in the left lane when you're not passing creates congestion
- It increases aggressive driving and crash risks
- Backup in traffic makes it harder for drivers to move over for police, fire, and EMS
- Florida law requires drivers to **keep right except when passing** or preparing for a left turn

How You Can Help

- Use the **right lane** for regular driving
- Use the **left lane only when passing** or turning left
- When you see emergency lights or hear a siren, move over safely and quickly
- Stay alert, be patient, and share the road responsibly

What Deputies Are Doing

- Increasing patrols on S McCall Rd
- Conducting traffic stops for left-lane impeding
- Providing education and warnings when appropriate
- Issuing citations when needed to keep the roadway safe

Our Goal

- Smoother traffic flow
- Fewer crashes and reckless driving calls
- Faster emergency response times
- A safer community for everyone

Let's work together to keep our roads moving and our community safe.

Keep Right. Pass Left. Drive Smart.

Locked Dog in a Car in Florida — Laws, Cases, and What to Do

In Florida, leaving a dog in a hot or unsafe vehicle can be illegal and may lead to criminal charges under animal cruelty statutes. There is no standalone “hot car” law, but Florida Statute 828.12 makes it illegal to confine an animal in a car under conditions that could reasonably cause injury or death [Vet Explains Pets](#). This includes leaving a dog in extreme heat without ventilation, water, or shade.

Legal Criteria for Charges

Authorities can pursue charges if:

- The dog is in **obvious distress** (panting heavily, lethargy, dehydration) [thelegalguide.org](#).
- The animal is **overheated** (internal temperatures can exceed 100°F in a closed car) [Tampa Free Press](#).
- The owner **neglected basic needs** (no water, no ventilation) [thelegalguide.org](#).
- The dog was **trapped** with no reasonable way to escape [Online Sunshine](#).
- The owner’s **intent or recklessness** is evident (e.g., leaving for hours in extreme heat) [thelegalguide.org](#).

Penalties

Under Florida’s cruelty-to-animals laws (Chapter 828), violations can be:

- **First-degree misdemeanor** — up to 1 year in jail and fines up to \$5,000 [bridgelegal.org](#).
- **Aggravated or repeat offenses** — felony charges with longer jail time and higher fines [bridgelegal.org](#).
- **Civil remedies** — fines, probation, or restrictions on future pet ownership [thelegalguide.org](#).

Recent Case Example

On July 2, 2026, I **Yahna Michelle Leon-Yancy**, 20, was arrested in Key Largo after deputies rescued a small dachshund locked in a hot Nissan SUV. The dog had been left unattended for an hour or more, with the engine off and windows closed. Internal temperatures exceeded 100°F. Leon-Yancy admitted she forgot the dog was inside and was charged with animal cruelty [Tampa Free Press](#).

Rescue Immunity

Florida Statute 768.139 provides immunity to anyone who enters a locked vehicle to rescue a vulnerable person or domestic animal if they act in good faith, notify law enforcement, and use only necessary force [Online Sunshine](#). This means bystanders or officers can legally open a locked car to save an animal without facing civil liability for vehicle damage.

What to Do if You See a Dog in a Car

- **Call 911** immediately if the dog is in distress.
- **Do not open the car yourself** unless you are trained and have the proper tools; use a vehicle-lock tool or wait for law enforcement [Online Sunshine](#).
- **Document the scene** (photos, witness statements) if safe to do so.

Bottom line: In Florida, leaving a dog in a hot, locked car can be a serious criminal offense. Public awareness and quick intervention by law enforcement are key to preventing harm and ensuring accountability.