

CRIME

Man arrested after spitting, resisting officers, report shows

Cops: Man spit on woman's car, told her to go back to her 'own country'

STAFF REPORT

PORT CHARLOTTE — Deputies arrested a man they say spat on a woman's car and told her to go back to the country she came from.

Patrick Alan Judy, 58, 1541 San Mateo Drive, North Port was arrested Tuesday night in the parking lot of Walmart, 19100 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, reports show.

He also spat on and struggled with officers trying to arrest him, records show.

The incident happened as Judy and a woman in another car were turning left into the store's parking lot. The

woman said traffic was heavy and she was waiting to turn left.

When she did, Judy "drove along side of her vehicle during the left turn and passed the victim," the arrest report shows. "The victim flipped her middle finger off at the suspect as the two were making the left turn."

In the parking lot, Judy "stopped his truck and waited for the victim," the report states.

The woman asked, "What are you doing?" Judy got out of his truck and walked up to the woman's vehicle and yelled, "Go back to where you came from sp*c." He then "spit at the victim through the open passenger side window," the report states.

He got back into his truck, parked it and went into the store.

The woman called 911. When officers arrived, she spoke with them.

Officers found Judy sitting in his truck. They spoke with him about what happened.

Judy said the woman "was instigating and would not turn her vehicle,"

the report states.

He said she showed Judy her middle finger.

In the parking lot, Judy swore at the woman and said, "You should go back to your own country," the report states.

"Judy then spit at her and left," the report states.

"Judy added, 'I'm so sick of the brown pieces of trash,'" the reports show.

Deputies told Judy to get out of his vehicle, but he refused.

He struggled with officers who pulled him out of the vehicle and handcuffed him, and spit at one deputy during his arrest, reports show.

Judy was charged with burglary with assault or battery, battery on officer or firefighter, resisting officers without violence. He was booked into the Charlotte County Jail on Tuesday. He remained there Thursday with bond set at \$285,000.



SUN FILE PHOTO

Port Charlotte Library employees celebrate the 2015 Read and Feed summer program with a "super hero" theme this year. From left are Claudia Richardson, Mary Alice and Nicole Castillo.

Library/ from B1

invited to enjoy hotdogs and hamburgers, music, historical displays, and more.

Computers, Wi-Fi and printing services will be available that day through 6 p.m.

The public is invited to shop the shelves at the Port Charlotte Library from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., that day, as well.

The cost will be \$5 per bag of materials. Bags will be provided. Cash and checks will both be accepted.

Proceeds from the final sale will support library programming in the Port Charlotte area, officials say.

The Friends of the Port Charlotte Library will also host a Last Chance Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, July 14 at the Friends of the Library Book Store next to the library.

For more information about the library's final days and the closing ceremony, contact Tracy Herman at Tracy.Herman@CharlotteCountyFL.gov or 941-613-3203.

POLICE BEAT

The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:

■ Shelton Hunter Roy Jr., 68, 5400 block of Riverside Drive, Punta Gorda. Charges: two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, resisting officers without violence. Bond: none.

■ Marquis Tavone Smith, 32, 5800 block of Murphy St., Port Charlotte. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$1,000.

■ William James Deaett, 49, 2000 block of Jagust Road, North Port. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$500.

■ Debbie Lynn Gardner, 47, 3300 block of Placida Road, Englewood.

Charges: possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$4,000.

The Punta Gorda Police Department reported the following arrests:

■ Issac Gerald Sanders, 20, homeless, Punta Gorda. Charge: petty theft, petty larceny. Bond: \$1,000.

■ Patricia Lorene Lawson, 22, homeless, Punta Gorda. Charge: petty theft, two counts petty larceny. Bond: \$1,500.

■ Joseph Kaferle, 18, 29200 block of Jones Loop Road, Punta Gorda. Charge: criminal mischief more than \$1,000 damage. Bond: \$5,000.

The Florida Highway Patrol reported the following arrest:

■ Robert Miles Mitchell, 32, 3200 block of University Blvd., Jacksonville. Charges: fraud-using another person's ID, marijuana possession, possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$1,250.

The DeSoto County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests:

■ James Michael Acrea, 38, general delivery, DeSoto County. Charges: possession of controlled substance without prescription, possession of drug equipment. Bond: \$3,000.

Staff report



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The new logo can already be seen on trash trucks and elsewhere.

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our new brand today on North Port's birthday. We're very proud of this new brand, and we think that it really reflects our city identity, where we are today," Bartolone said.

Marketing and Engagement Manager Katya Sutherland then spoke.

"Projects like this are often associated with logos, with colors, with typography, and with images. But the truth is, that's not actually what this program and project was about from the start. It was about people. And the project has always been about people," Sutherland said.

Sutherland thanked everyone involved in the process of creating and implementing the new logo.

She said more than 2,000 community members took part in focus groups and a number of city staff members helped as well.

The now replaced logo was in need of a refresh,

according to Sutherland and others, as it was around for about 15 years. When that logo was launched, the city was a lot different from what it has become today. The population, then, was about 57,000 people.

"To the residents, business owners, nonprofits and visitors who gave us your time, thank you so much," Sutherland said. "You helped us understand what matters most to the people that live here. The brand is now stronger because of your voices."

Sutherland gave a special recognition to Kelly DeCastro, North Port's brand design specialist. She gave her a bouquet of flowers and told her how good she is at what she does.

The new logo can be seen across the city and online, including on North Port's official website.

To view the new look of North Port's website, visit northportfl.gov/Home

Hate/ from B1

nation approaching, there is much to celebrate and a few regrets. Perhaps the biggest regret we have is the matter of racism. This issue should be long gone by now, but it occasionally still rears its ugly head. This individual chose to embrace that vile part of our history. There is no place for it in our country, and especially not in Charlotte County. It is an evil for which I have no tolerance,"

Prummell stated.

On Thursday during a first-appearance hearing, Charlotte County Judge Turner A. Rouse ordered Roy to be held without bond until a pre-trial detention hearing could be held. He is not allowed to have any weapons, and have no contact with the two men he is accused of threatening, the judge stipulated.

A hearing for Roy is set for July 27 at the Charlotte County Justice Center.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING By the Board of County Commissioners for DeSoto County, Florida to Consider a Petition to Terminate the Oak Stone East Community Development District

DATE: Tuesday, June 23, 2026
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Room 103, County Administration Building
201 East Oak Street, First Floor
Arcadia, Florida 34266

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, a public hearing will be held by the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") for DeSoto County, Florida, to consider an ordinance to grant a petition to terminate the Oak Stone East Community Development District ("District"). The proposed County ordinance title is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-3, DISSOLVING THE OAK STONE EAST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The District is comprised of approximately 330.01 acres, generally located west of SW County Road 769, in the southwestern portion of DeSoto County, as depicted in the map herein. The petitioner has proposed to terminate the District.

Copies of the petition, the proposed ordinance, and the staff reports are available at the Development Department Room 204, Administration Building, 201 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida five days prior to the meeting dates and are available on the County's website at www.desotobocc.com under Department News and News & announcements. For more information, call (863) 993-4800.

All interested persons and affected units of general-purpose government shall be given an opportunity to appear at the hearing and present oral or written comments on the petition. Any persons or affected unit of general-purpose local government, who wish to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing will need a record of the proceedings.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, F.S., any person or unit of general-purpose local government who want to appeal any decision of the Board may need to ensure that a verbatim record/transcript of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Within five working days of receipt of this notice, please contact the County Commissioners' Office, 201 East Oak Street, Room 201, Arcadia, Florida 34266.

