

Artist of the Month

Art by Kacey

Kacey is this month's Artist of the Month, and she is also featured by The Art Box at 100650 Overseas Highway, Key Largo.

In her own words... "I was born in England a long time ago. I have lived in the Keys for about 4 years with my husband, two Labs and my 3 cats."

"I have lived in various places around the world, most recently a couple of years living on a beach in a very small Mexican village."

æOther than High School art classes I am self taught and use mostly watercolors and/or acrylics. I have found out that there are no limits to what can be placed on a blank canvas, wall or paper.

"Fishing in the Keys has provided not only subjects but the ability to make prints using the Japanese method of Gytaku which I like to incorporate into many of my works."

"I am constantly amazed at all of the colors and textures found in the reefs and its inhabitants here in the Florida Keys. Women and fish are the subject of most of my paintings, with the camera capturing the angles of the fish face."

Stop in at The Art Box and check out Art by Kacey. You can also contact her personally at artbykacey@gmail.com or call 305-395-9348.



See Kacey's work at The Art Box at 100650 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo.

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The Coconut Telegraph is proud to present Monroe County Sheriff's Sergeant Jason Madnick with the outstanding award for Community Spirit. Sgt. Madnick, in his 22-year career with the Sheriff's Office, has received countless awards and commendations for his service and dedication to the Florida Keys. Most recently Sgt. Madnick, along with Investigator Miles Wright of the FDLE, took the 5-year-old Bozarth murder case like a bull by the horns and completely reworked it, resulting in an arrest and confession. Over the span of his career, Sgt. Madnick has received several promotions. When he was promoted to the Homicide Division, he garnered written letters of recommendation from Lt. Nancy Alvarez, Honorable Judge William R. Ptomey and Honorable Judge Luis M. Garcia. Here are just a few of the commendations this remarkable officer has received.

"Detective Jason Madnick began his career with the MCSO in April 1991. Jason is one of the hardest working detectives. He works his cases to the end, striving for a positive outcome. He has, over time, recovered thousands of dollars in stolen property and gives this agency 110% while working his cases. He has done so well this past year that he was

M.C.S.O. Sgt. Jason Madnick:

Outstanding Community Spirit

nominated for Florida Retail Federation Law Enforcement Officer of the year. In some cases Detective Madnick has even recovered property that the victim did not know was stolen."

Executive Director Donna A. Moore, Human Resources Division

"Since his employment date, his energy and tireless dedication, promptness and willingness to be at work was of the highest standard of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. On many occasions he reported to work on short notice when called, never asking why."

Lt. J. P. Ferraro

Homicide/Suicide

"Dep. Madnick is commended for his courage and dedication to the protection of life, in an extremely dangerous situation. Deputy Madnick's courage and commitment to attempting to save a life while providing Sgt. Fanelli with a ready back-up as second through the door, is to be commended."



"Recognizing the greatest risk is to the first officer to enter, the second officer provides invaluable protection to the first. This partnership of trust and reliance, in potentially life-threatening situations, is the foundation of support in high hazard situations. Deputy Madnick's performance throughout this incident is to be commended."

Lt. Bill Moran

Car Theft

"Thanks so much for taking the time to recognize Dep. Jason Madnick for the assistance he provided you earlier this month. I am pleased that there was a successful outcome in your case. Your statement that we take those "little things" seriously is a source of pride to us. We know such incidents are not minor to those who have been affected. Dep. Madnick clearly embraces this philosophy and sets an example for others."

Capt. Jenny Bell Thomson

Drug Dealers

"The both of you have literally made narcotic cases from all the known drug dealers in [Key Largo neighborhood]. You have made 88 narcotic-related cases in the area, arresting 38 subjects. Additionally you have made several trafficking arrests, seized several vehicles, and served several search warrants in the last couple months in that neighborhood."

Sgt. Donnie Elomina

Senior Citizens

"A local senior citizen had a flat tire on her car. Dep. Jason Madnick stopped her, put her and her husband inside his patrol car with the air-conditioner on, and then changed the tire on their car".

Capt. Jenny Bell Thomson

"It is commitment like this that shows your true dedication to your job. I find that very commendable. Please accept my 'thanks' for all your help."

Sheriff Richard D. Roth

Volunteer Work

"On behalf of the Community Relations Department I would like to thank you for the hours of volunteer work you have provided to this department. The work you did for the Sugarloaf Car Races was exceptional. Believe me, I know how difficult it is to supervise a group of Cadets! You did a great job!" Capt. Jerry Enos

Sergeant Jason Madnick is a resident of Key Largo. He has been married 18 years, is a proud father and has 5 grandchildren. He is an honorary member of the Keys Jewish Community Center, a member of the Elks Lodge in Tavernier, a member of the bomb squad, and he participates in many local events such as National Night Out. We can all sleep better with an outstanding officer such as Sgt. Jason Madnick keeping our families safe



One of Sgt. Jason Madnick's many commendations