

# Report: Driver causes seven accidents, injures two

**PUNTA GORDA** — Two people were injured and seven vehicles were damaged Saturday when a Fort Myers man allegedly drove his sports car while under the influence of alcohol.

Charles Richard Barrow, 66, was taken into custody after driving recklessly through Punta Gorda, where he racked up \$17,500 worth of property damage when he collided with six vehicles, reported the Punta Gorda Police Department.

One of these vehicles, a silver Chevy, was forced into the path of a white Pontiac Firebird, causing another accident, the report stated.

Also, it was reported that two people received medical treatment for

## POLICE BEAT

The information for Police Beat is gathered from police, sheriff's office, Florida Highway Patrol, jail and fire rescue records. Not every arrest leads to a conviction and guilt or innocence is determined by the court system.

injuries sustained in the hit-and-run accidents.

Barrow was subsequently charged with two counts of DUI with bodily injury, leaving the scene of a crash with bodily injury, seven counts of DUI with property damage and seven counts of leaving the scene of a crash with property damage.

He was also charged with fleeing to elude a law enforcement officer, as a police officer used a siren and lights to try to stop the vehicle.

After being arrested, Barrow reportedly told authorities that he made a "terrible mistake," and

that "I drank myself into stupidity."

Barrow was transported to the Charlotte County Jail. He is being held on \$20,250 bond.

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

- Antonio Hernandez Yanez, 25, 5500 block of Swaying Palm Drive, Punta Gorda. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$500.
- Debra Lynn Fischer, 55, 5500 block of Swaying Palm Drive, Punta Gorda. Charges: two counts of violation of probation (original charges: hitting and prowling and DUI). Bond: \$1,250.
- Matthew Thomas Papoi, 30, 11200 block of Olive Circle, Punta Gorda. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$750.
- Kevin James Boutte, 44, 13500 block of Darnell Ave., Port Charlotte. Charges: resisting an officer without violence and abuse of the 911 system. Bond: \$1,500.
- Kathy Marie Flough, 54, 200 block of MacArthur Drive, Port Charlotte. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$750.
- Justin Allen Wyatt, 18, Wauchula. Charges: possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$5,500.
- Rozanne Joy Warrington, 19, 500 block of W. Tarpon Blvd., Port Charlotte. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while license is suspended or revoked. Bond: \$2,500.

- Hank Killakov, 26, New York. Charge: violation of probation (original charge: battery). Bond: none.
- Michael Edward Dies, 43, 1200 block of Lyle St., Port Charlotte. Charge: violation of probation (original charge: DUI). Bond: none.
- Sarnad Fredrick Carter, 40, 4500 block of NW County Road 661, Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended or revoked. Bond: \$2,500.
- Robinson Muhammed Peticles, 23, 1100 block of Stamford St., Port Charlotte. Charges: violation of probation (original charge: driving while license is suspended or revoked) and driving while license is suspended or revoked. Bond: \$1,250.
- Harry Lee Hartman, 61, 10000 block of Greenway Ave., Englewood. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$750.
- Melissa Lynn Strange, 50, 22000 block of Calhoun Ave., Port Charlotte. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- Robyn Lynette Marotana, 40, 4400 block of Warren Ave., Port Charlotte. Charge: battery. Bond: none.
- Victor Cortez Brainer, 39, 1900 block of Kings Highway, Port Charlotte. Charge: battery and possession of less than 20 grams. Bond: none.
- Mika J. Beckstead, 31, 8100 block of Memory Lane, Retonda West. Charge: battery. Bond: none.

The Florida Highway Patrol reported the following arrest:

Jody Allen Ash, 45, 3900 block of Weidman Ave., North Port. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$750.

— Compiled by Pamela Staik

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### DAR group to meet

The Charlotte Bay Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its next meeting at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 401 W. Henry St., Punta Gorda. Guest speakers will be Dr. Joyce Creamer and Stephen R. Deutsch, who will speak on "American History: The United States Constitution." All women who have a Revolutionary War Patriot in their family tree are invited. RSVP to Pat at 941-764-1931 or Diana at 941-575-8954. For more information about the Charlotte Bay Chapter, visit [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flcbechar/charbay.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flcbechar/charbay.htm). For information about DAR membership and the national organization, visit [www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org).

### Charlotte Delegation meeting to be held

The annual Charlotte County Delegation meeting will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, 2001 Shreve St. The meeting will conduct local business including a public hearing on local bills and other issues of public interest. Local governmental bodies, special interests and citizens wishing to address the delegation must contact the chairman's office no later than 5 p.m. Monday. For inclusion on the agenda, the deadline for filing local bills with the delegation chairman is also 5 p.m. Monday. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. For more information, contact Rep. Paige Kresgel's office at 941-575-5820.

### Conservation group to meet

The next meeting of the Coastal Conservation Association will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda. In addition to current fishing info and an equipment raffle, Capt. Andy Medina will discuss winter fishing techniques for snook and redfish in the harbor. CCA is an organization of anglers who work to conserve, promote and enhance the marine resources. The group usually meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. For more information, call 941-505-8556 or visit [www.ccaflorida.org](http://www.ccaflorida.org).



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