

# 2005 Press Releases

## **IN CUSTODY DEATH – 8/27/05**

On Friday, August 25, 2005, at approximately 10:46pm, the Martin County Sheriff's Office, along with fire-rescue, responded to a 911 call from Riverland Mobile Home Park on State Road 76. An elderly female told dispatchers that a man was laying by her house moaning and that she was scared. She called back a few minutes later to tell dispatchers that the man was now on her car, had no pants and she was afraid he was going to break into her house. Upon Deputies arrival they found Brian Lichtenstein (11/8/73) 5005 Horizon Ave, Stuart, crawling through the woods naked and yelling "leave me alone" and "I want to die". Deputies and fire rescue ordered him to come out of the woods. Deputies went about 50 feet into the woods to try to pull him out. He was in a highly excited state and was combative. When he jumped up in an aggressive manner, a taser was deployed twice to gain compliance. It is not certain at this point if the taser made contact or had any effect on Lichtenstein. Lichtenstein was transported to Martin Memorial North where he was admitted. Lichtenstein's wife, Angela Lichtenstein (10/19/74) same address, told Deputies they had both been smoking crack cocaine for the last 72 hours.

Lichtenstein died this morning at the hospital. The body will be transported to the Medical Examiners Office. We anticipate an autopsy Monday to determine cause of death. Under separate emails I am sending the Offense Incident report, the wife's statement and the 911 call. I have also sent a mugshot from 7/28/03.

## **IN CUSTODY DEATH AUTOPSY RESULTS – 8/29/05**

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The Medical Examiner has ruled the death was caused by cocaine toxicity. Please refer all questions regarding the report to the Medical Examiner, Dr. Mittleman.

## **YOU DRINK AND DRIVE YOU LOSE DUI CHECKPOINT – 8/30/05**

The Martin County Sheriff's Office and the Stuart Police Department will be conducting a DUI checkpoint on September 2, 2005 at the Towers Building, 1111 S Federal Highway, Stuart from 11:00pm to 4:00am. This is part of the National Labor Day effort You Drink and Drive, You Lose. The media is invited to attend.

## **FLORIDA SHERIFF YOUTH RANCHES – 9/2/05**

Dust off your boots and get ready to lasso a heap of action packed excitement at the first ever Martin County Sheriff's Office Rodeo at the Timer Powers Park in Indiantown, Florida, September 30 and October 1, 2005. The rodeo benefits the Florida Sheriff Youth Ranches, is the ONLY charity supported and sponsored by the Florida Sheriff's Association. [www.youthranches.org](http://www.youthranches.org) The Youth Ranches were formed in 1957 to provide positive support for neglected, troubled and underprivileged children.

### **A REAL RODEO IN MARTIN COUNTY**

Steeped in history and tradition, a rodeo is good, clean, family entertainment. Enjoy the fast paced rodeo competition of all the traditional events: bull riding, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, the cowboy clowns and much more. The Sheriff's Office has contracted the Marki Rodeo Company, a member of the Professional Cowboy Association and we anticipate competitors from throughout Florida. Martin County has not had a rodeo in years, so if you have never experienced the excitement now is your chance. For long-time rodeo fans, you will not be disappointed. Cowboys from all over the state will be competing for cash prizes and points. This is a PCA-sponsored event, with points being awarded to the best competing cowboys.

There will be plenty to eat and see. Carl Amerson, the "official" BBQ king of the Sheriff's Office will be cooking the best BBQ pork sandwiches you've ever had. Plus there will be plenty of hamburgers, snacks and cold drinks. Ice cream, hotdogs and a petting area will delight the kids and the parents will appreciate the safe, friendly environment. The Sheriff's Office will have a large display of patrol cars, crime scene vans, motorcycles, a tank and helicopter for the public to see. Get your picture taken standing by the helicopter!

### **TICKETS**

Tickets are \$13.00 the day of the event and \$10.00 in advance. Parking is \$1.00. You may purchase tickets at the Martin County Sheriff's Office, 800 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida, or call us 772-220-7000. Look at our website for directions and more ticket information [www.sheriff.martin.fl.us](http://www.sheriff.martin.fl.us)

## **STRAIGHT FROM MEXICO – 9/16/05**

Today at 1:00pm the Martin County Sheriff's Office will display seized drugs and money from two search warrants conducted Thursday, September 15. Detectives seized over a half pound of cocaine with a street value of \$25,000 and \$20, 000 in cash. Five people were arrested. These arrests are significant because the drugs came straight from Mexico to Martin County. No carriers or middle men were used.



Armando Villa



Margarita Pimentel-Ortega



Ana Karan Torres



Rual Fulgencio Ortega



Ezequiel Palacios

### **2005 Heart Walk Fund Raiser – 9/22/05**

The Martin County Sheriff's Office is proud to be a part of a fundraiser for the American Heart Association. On Saturday, September 24, noon to 6:00 PM, enjoy a day of family fun at 76 Golf World. \$20.00 will buy all the mini golf, go-karts, batting cages and mechanical bull rides you can handle. There will be refreshments, arcades, a bounce house, a rock climbing wall, and much more. The proceeds from this event are to benefit the American Heart Association and the 2005 Heart Walk.

For questions contact Rhonda Irons at 260-5589 or Ryan Grimsdale at 260-5576.

### **ARREST AFFIDAVITS OF VARGAS BROTHERS - 9/23/05**

The Martin County Sheriff's Office, Jupiter Police Department, and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office has made an arrest of two men and are looking for a 17-year old female. Both men were charged with one count of armed robbery, although many, many more charges are expected to be direct filed by the State. The men, Christopher Vargas (6/23/86) 2921 NE 2ND Street, Pompano and Jose Vargas (6/18/80) same address (brothers) were targeting the men that work day labor. Specifically, Vargas and Vargas went to Center Street in Jupiter, told five Hispanic men they had work for the men. The five men got in Vargas' truck. The brothers robbed the men at gunpoint in Martin County. Detectives from Martin and Palm Beach Counties have about 50 victims at this point. We anticipate that number growing as more victims come forward.

Detective Leo Ferreira and Jupiter Police can meet with members of the media at 10:00am at the Martin County Sheriff's Office, 800 SE Monterey Rd. today.



Christopher Vargas



Jose Vargas

## MAJOR ARREST IN MARTIN COUNTY – 9/26/05

For approximately two months the Martin County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Division conducted an operation targeting a key suspect of crack cocaine sells in Indiantown. During this operation several drug buys were made by the Sheriff's Office. The Drug Enforcement Administration assisted Sheriff's Office investigators with the arrest of Johnny Renard Jackson (7/4/64) 14987 SW 171 St, Indiantown, on Friday, September 23. One and a half ounces of crack, half a pound of marijuana and three vehicles were seized. Jackson is being held in a federal detention facility on no bond charged with one count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.



Johnny Renard Jackson

## TV Star visits the Martin County Sheriff's Office Boot Camp – 9/29/05

Monday, October 3rd at approximately 8:00am, Thomas Mikal Ford, "Tommy" of the television show "Martin Lawrence Show" and actor of such movies as "Class Act" "Across the Tracks" and "The Butcher's Wife", will be a guest speaker at the Juvenile Offender Training Center at the Martin County Sheriff's Office, 800 SE Monterey Rd, Stuart. Mr. Ford's appearance is sponsored by the Stop Violence Coalition of Palm Beach County. The media is welcome to attend.

Tommy Ford -- Click here: [Tommy Mikal Ford supports the "Sister, I'm Sorry" relationship healing video](#)

## YeeHaw! The Rodeo Is Here – 9/30/05

The Martin County Sheriff's Office rodeo has begun! The contractor is setting up the pens and animals all day today at Timer Powers Park in Indiantown. This is the first rodeo Martin County has had in years.

The Rodeo begins tonight at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$13.00, under 5 free, and parking is free. Plenty to eat and see.

Saturday, Oct 1, the Rodeo begins at 7:30pm. Park opens at 2:00 pm with K-9 and helicopter demonstrations and live music. Tickets are \$13.00, under 5 free.

Lots of great pictures for the media.

## The Martin County Sheriff's Office Rodeo – 10/7/05

On September 30 and October 1, 2005, the Martin County Sheriff's Office hosted our first rodeo in Indiantown to benefit the Florida Sheriff Youth Ranches. The Youth Ranches are the only charity recognized and supported by all 67 Florida Sheriff's. [www.youthranches.org](http://www.youthranches.org) Martin County Sheriff Robert L. Crowder has supported the Youth Ranches for years by hosting a BBQ. Our check to the charity was usually around \$5000.

In early 2005 road patrol Lt. Glenn Zirkle, who was to be in charge of the annual BBQ fundraiser, came up with the idea to host a rodeo along with the BBQ. After some research, we found that Martin County had not had a rodeo in at least 20 years. In spite of never having organized an event this big, Lt Zirkle formed a committee of volunteers and went to work. Seven months later the rodeo was a big success!

Approximately 4000 people attended and we raised over \$65,000.00! We must recognize and thank the many volunteers and businesses that helped. We merely asked and citizens lined up to write a check or donate services. A special thank you to the family that wishes to remain anonymous that wrote the \$20,000.00 check we needed to hire the rodeo contractor. Sponsors for the 2006 rodeo are already calling. If you wish to become involved please call 772-220-7000 and ask for Lt. Glen Zirkle. A BIG thank you to the media for your help.

Come see us in 2006, November 3 and 4th will be the second annual Martin County Sheriff's office rodeo!! YeeHaw!

### **Florida Sheriffs Announce Legislative Priorities: - 10/21/05**

"Law Enforcement Employees are Number One"

The Florida Sheriff's Association today announced their support for issues for the 2006 Legislative Session. The Florida Sheriff's Association Board of Directors and Legislative Committee met in Ocala, Florida on October 10, 2005 to discuss and formulate the association's legislative priorities.

The continuing focus for Florida's Sheriffs is to improve the retirement benefits for high-risk employees and 9-1-1 Operators and telecommunicators.

"Our hard working law enforcement and detention members deserve a quality retirement program that will support their quality of life needs and reward them for years of productive- and in many cases-dangerous public service. When our employees devote an entire career to the law enforcement or detention profession, they deserve a fair and secure retirement plan." -Sheriff Kevin Beary, President of the Florida Sheriff's Association.

The Florida's Sheriffs Association proposals in support of their employees are:

1) Sheriffs continue to support the effort to increase the health care stipend for retired Sheriff's Office employees through the Florida Retirement System (FRS). Current law provides a \$5 health care stipend per month for each full year an employee worked. The Sheriffs support the compromise language from last session that provides a gradual increase in this subsidy over the next several fiscal years to help retired employees pay the higher costs for medical insurance or for out-of-pocket medical expenses.

2) Sheriffs support enhancing the retirement benefits of jail nurses and civilian law enforcement pilots working in "high risk" conditions. The Sheriffs believe that jail nurses and civilian pilots should receive the FRS "special risk" retirement rate because these are dangerous jobs with exposure to a higher risk of harm than most other public employees. Jail nurses are daily exposed to dangerous felons and dangerous diseases through exposure to blood borne pathogens and body fluids of jail inmates. Providing "special risk" retirement for civilian pilots would bring them in line with other sworn law enforcement pilots and pilots working for state agencies who are already designated as "special risk" employees.

3) The Sheriffs also continue to support changing the basis for calculating ALL FRS employee retirement income from an average of an employee's highest five year's salary to an average

of the highest three year's salary. This change would increase retirement benefits for law enforcement employees, and be similar to retirement law in many other states.

4) Sheriff's also support an increase to the retirement rate calculation for 9-1-1 Operators and Sheriff's Office telecommunicators. Currently, these employees receive the basic FRS retirement rate of 1.6% ("regular risk" category). The Sheriffs suggest an increase to a 2% rate in recognition that these jobs are higher stress and result in a higher "burn out" rate than other public employees. 9-1-1 Operators and telecommunicators are highly trained employees who daily interact with the public, helping them to receive emergency services. These employees work in a high paced and high stress atmosphere.

The Sheriffs also made the following suggestions for legislative changes:

1) Modify and strengthen the Jessica Lunsford Act. The Sheriffs propose strengthening the sexual predator and sexual offender legislation in the state of Florida by:

- a) Requiring Florida driver's licenses and Florida identification cards of sexual predators to provide an "identifier" to indicate that the holder is a registered predator, allowing law enforcement officers to immediately identify a registered predator regardless of availability of support systems.
- b) Prohibit sexual predators from staying at any temporary public shelters. Shelter for predators would be provided at county jails or whatever facility is determined by the Sheriff and the County.
- c) Provide for the forfeiture of vehicles used to facilitate the crime of Internet solicitation of minors.

2) The Sheriffs also support the continued independence, accountability, and effectiveness of the constitutional office of the Sheriff in the state of Florida, and will work with the Florida Legislature to preserve the elected and independent status of the Office of Sheriff in Florida.

3) Florida's Sheriffs also support measures to increase enforcement of red light running in Florida. The Sheriffs support automated cameras at intersections and other technologies, to aid in enforcement and compliance to reduce the deaths and injuries as a result of careless and reckless drivers.

4) The Sheriffs support strengthening state law related to mutual aid agreements between city, county, and state law enforcement agencies to increase and enhance interagency cooperation. In order to enhance officer safety, mutual aid agreements must include the notification, request, and permission from one law enforcement agency to another when the agency is working outside their jurisdiction or when operating in common jurisdictions when there is a likelihood of more than one law enforcement agency engaging in operations. The Sheriff must be notified by a non-statewide police agency when any non-statewide police agency is operating, or intends to operate or conduct an investigation inside the jurisdiction of the Sheriff. The recent tragedy in Orlando resulting in the shooting death of a law enforcement officer by another officer from a different agency is a clear demonstration of the need for laws to enhance the safety and effectiveness of law enforcement investigations and operations.

5) In increasing numbers, county jails are housing state prisoners, costing county taxpayers in excess of an estimated \$100 million dollars every year. The Sheriff's support state compensation to counties for the following state inmates housed in county jails: Retake warrants; Inmates sentenced to prison and awaiting commitments; writs from prison; and persons charged with a felony violation of probation.

In addition to these legislative concerns, Florida Sheriffs also support other good legislation that provides a tough, common sense approach to fighting crime in Florida. Sheriff's will work with other law enforcement partners and good government advocates to make Florida a safer, better place to live, and to improve the working and retirement conditions of law enforcement employees.

### **Hurricane Wilma 1 – 10/24/05**

Sheriff Robert L. Crowder has issued a curfew, beginning tonight, 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM for Martin County. A curfew means no sight seeing and no unnecessary driving. Residents going to and from work or people involved in repair work can travel about during the curfew hours but should be prepared to be stopped by a Deputy and MUST have their identification. A curfew is enacted for the safety of all.

There will be NO SALE of alcohol during the curfew hours.

Access to Hutchinson Island will be restricted to residents and repair workers 24 hours a day. NO exceptions. Residents MUST have their identification.

Deputies are busy answering calls for service from our citizens. We have begun checking the status of businesses, homes and residents. The Sheriff's Office Indiantown substation and patrol cars received considerable damage.

At the very height of the storm, five Detectives risked their lives to rescue, then carry down three flights of stairs (one flight on the outside of the building), an 86-year-old man who had climbed onto the third floor of his condo. The man had become stuck on the roof and would surely have died hanging off the side of his building, by his legs, from the third floor. Lt. Wes Starling, Sgt. John Cummings, Detective Mike Dougherty, Detective Stephen Leighton and Detective Leo Ferreira then drove the man to Martin Memorial hospital.

### **Hurricane Wilma 2 – 10/26/05**

Sheriff Robert L. Crowder has changed the curfew, beginning tonight, Midnight to 5:00 AM for Martin County. A curfew means no sight seeing and no unnecessary driving. Residents going to and from work or people involved in repair work can travel about during the curfew hours but should be prepared to be stopped by a Deputy and MUST have their identification. A curfew is enacted for the safety of all.

There will be NO SALE of alcohol during the curfew hours.

Access to Hutchinson Island is still restricted to residents and repair workers 24 hours a day. NO exceptions. Residents MUST have their identification.

### **The Martin County Curfew Lifted – 10/28/05**

As of today, October 28, 2005, Sheriff Robert L. Crowder has lifted the curfew for Martin County.

Sheriff Crowder also reminds parents to use extra caution with their children while trick or treating for Halloween. Do not allow children to wander the streets unescorted. Preferably the children will be at home by dark.

Deputies continue to answer calls for service from our citizens. Dispatchers report less 911 calls than in previous hurricanes from neighbors complaining about each other regarding loud generators, loose dogs, piled up garbage and debris.

One more reminder to treat each non-working traffic light as a 4-way stop. That means that every car stops and then each side takes a turn going thru the intersection-one row of cars at a time.

### **Body found near I-95 believed to be missing Wilton Manor's man – 11/2/05**

Today at approximately 11:30am, the Martin County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the students from the Indian River Community College Criminal Justice program, found human remains in the wooded area immediately north of the northbound I-95 rest area in Martin County. Although we await the Medical Examiners findings, Detectives believe it is Ira Maggi, a white male, (DOB 4-411-61), last known address 2024 NE 22nd St., Wilton Manors, FL. Maggi had been reported missing by his sister, Toni Jaeschke on August 9, 2005.

On October 9, 2005 (updated) FHP found and towed a 1993 White Honda Civic abandoned at the rest area. A computer check of the license plate revealed the owner of the Honda was a missing and endangered adult. FHP called Wilton Manors Police Department. Wilton Manors Detectives asked for our assistance in searching the area for Maggi.

Detectives searched by air October 16, on foot and by ATV on October 17. On October 21 Detectives searched again with cadaver dogs. Today, using the students, Detectives broadened the search considerably. One of the students found the body in a thick wooded area about 25 feet from the road.

The body is very badly decomposed. There was a 10 to 12 knife visibly sticking out of the body. The body will go to the Medical Examiners Office for an autopsy to determine cause of death and positive identification.

### **A Multi-tasking criminal in Martin County – 11/3/05**

On Halloween night, October 31, 2005, around 11:30pm, Deputies responded to a "man down" call at the 7300 block of Concord Place, Stuart. Deputies discover a drunk, 42 year old man, laying on the side of the road suffering from a broken nose and other injuries he received after falling from a children's bicycle. The man had been trying to ride the bicycle, carry a stolen chainsaw, a stolen safe and a blue bag that contained burglary tools of a hacksaw, two crowbars, and several pliers. A passerby had called 911 after seeing him lying there unable to get up.

Emergency personnel transported the man, Rondall Hudgins (12/17/60), 7898 SE Continental, Hobe Sound, to Martin Memorial hospital. At the hospital Deputies also discovered a zip lock baggie containing several pieces of jewelry. Deputies arrested Hudgins on a warrant from Kentucky and possession of burglary tools.

On November 1, 2005, Deputies responded to 7426 SE Concord Place, Hope Sound to take a report on a burglary. Detective Carlo Sciandra interviewed Hudgins who admitted to burglarizing the house and stealing the chainsaw, safe and jewelry. He was charged with burglary to a dwelling and theft. His bond is \$12,500.

### **Inmate dies in custody at Martin County Jail – 11/10/05**

On Thursday, November 10, 2005, Martin County Sheriff's Office detectives were notified and responded to an apparent suicide at the Martin County Jail.

Investigation revealed that a black male, whose name is being withheld pending notification to next of kin, had been arrested by the Stuart Police Department on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, for Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer.

The male, at the time of his death, was being detained in an individual cell within the Medical Unit of the Jail where he had been placed for observation due to a minor abrasion on his forehead.

Corrections personnel discovered the male at approximately 11:00 a.m. with a length of cloth around his neck and hanging from a fixture in the shower stall. They immediately began administering CPR and summoned Fire Rescue personnel, who responded within minutes to the jail. Rescue personnel continued CPR and transported the male to Martin Memorial Hospital North, where the 39-year-old male was pronounced dead at 11:31 a.m.

It is early in the investigation, but there are no indications that the deceased had threatened to commit suicide. The shower stall in his cell where this event occurred was quasi-private and not readily observable by jail personnel.

Sheriff's deputies are in the process of attempting to locate next of kin.

### **Homicide in Indiantown – 11/13/05**

Today, November 13, 2006, at approximately 12:30pm, the Martin County Sheriff's Office was called to a work van on Farms Road, in Indiantown. Upon arrival Deputies found a man with a knife in his neck. The man has been identified as Joaquin Zamarripa, about 26 to 28 years old, address on 175th Street in Indiantown. He was last seen around 2:30am. Detectives are treating the death as suspicious.

Detectives are seeking help from the public. Anyone with any information about Zamarripa and his last few days are asked to call Detectives at 772-220-7060 or Crimestoppers.

### **Murder Suspect wanted – 11/15/05**

November 13, 2006, at approximately 12:30pm, the Martin County Sheriff's Office found the body of Joaquin Zamarripa, about 26 to 28 years old, address on 175th Street in Indiantown, in a van on Farms Road in Indiantown. Zamarripa had been stabbed in the neck with a knife. The Martin County Sheriff's Office is looking for Luis Garcia Ramirez, (DOB 5-31-76), a Hispanic male, 5'5, 135 pounds, with black eyes and brown hair. Ramirez has a warrant for second degree murder, with no bond, in connection with the death of Zamarripa.



Luis Garcia Ramirez

Ramirez told Detectives that he and Zamarripa, who were roommates, argued about going drinking together.

Detectives believe Ramirez has left the area and considered him dangerous. Anyone with any information is asked to call 911.

#### **ATTEMPTED MURDER IN PALM CITY – 11/29/05**

Today, November 29, 2005, the Martin County Sheriff's Office responded to two 911 calls from 1475 SW Ulmus, Palm City, FL. The first 911 call at 8:11am, was from Lacey Grizzard (DOB 11-4-78) same address, to report a vehicle crash at the house.

The second 911 call at 8:14am, was made by Zachary Parker (DOB 8-7-81) of the same address, to report that he had just cut his girlfriends throat and then his own. Deputies responded and found Parker and Grizzard both had cuts to their necks.

Grizzard, 4 months pregnant, was airlifted to St Mary's hospital where she and her baby are in critical condition. Parker was transported to Martin Memorial hospital and treated for his wounds. Parker was questioned at the Sheriff's Office by Detective Sgt. John Silvas. Parker did cooperate with Silvas in his involvement in the crime. Parker has been charged with one count of attempted first degree murder. We anticipate additional charges.



Zachary Parker

To hear 911 Call click above in red box. This file is a 4 mega bite wave file and will take approximately 90 seconds to download to your harddrive on a cable modem or DSL line.

#### **Accreditation assessment team invites public content – 12/4/05**

On December 10, 2005, a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. will arrive to examine all aspects of the Martin County Sheriff's Office policy and procedures, management, and support services. The Sheriff's Office has to comply with 446 standards in order to gain re-accredited status. Accreditation is important in

helping the Sheriff's Office constantly strive for excellence. It helps the agency to achieve efficiency in the use of time and resources.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session Monday, December 12, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. This session will be conducted at the Martin County Sheriff's Office, 800 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart.

If for some reason an individual cannot speak at the public information session, but would like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone at (772) 320-4768.

Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Martin County Sheriff's Office's ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 10306 Eaton Place, Suite 320, Fairfax, VA, 22030-2201

### **Wallet stolen at McDonald's – 12/30/05**

On December 22, 2005 the Martin County Sheriff's Office responded to the McDonalds, 3490 NW Federal Highway Jensen Beach for a complaint of a theft. Dianna L. Fuller (3/11/65) 673 SE Crescent Ave, Pt. St. Lucie, Florida told Deputies she had left her wallet on the counter after purchasing gift certificates. Fuller left the restaurant before realizing she didn't have her wallet. Upon her return to the store the wallet was gone. The wallet contained \$500 in cash and another \$500 in checks.

At first glance of the security video it appears that a young girl standing in line to order takes the wallet. But careful, slow viewing of the tape shows what appears to be a black, pregnant female with the wallet in her hand as she turns away from the counter.

We are asking for help from the public in identifying the woman that stole the wallet. Call Martin County Sheriff's Detective Maggie Flynn at 772-220-7060.

If you have DVD Player software on your computer you may be able to use Windows Media Player to watch the video from the scene. Click on Video above to download the file.