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The Cape Coral Police Department holds its 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony with the City of Cape Coral and the Cape Coral Fire Department in this undated photo. PROVIDED BY CAPE CORAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

SWFL teen gets prison for crash that killed friend

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Despite the defense’s request for a lighter sentence, a judge handed a teen more than a decade in prison for the crash that killed a 17-year-old classmate on their way to South Fort Myers High School last year.

Lee Circuit Judge Nicholas Thompson on Sept. 4 sentenced Issac Sales, 19, to 15 years in prison, followed by two years of community control and three years of probation for the 2025 crash that killed 17-year-old Jacey Hogan and injured 32-year-old Dylan Parsons. All three are from Fort Myers.

Jacey Hogan’s mother, Trisha Johnson, addressed the courtroom ahead of Sales’ sentencing.

“I never imagined that after losing my daughter I’d have to carry a burden... the burden of proof,” Johnson said.

Johnson said 874 pieces of evidence do not serve justice in her

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Communities pause to remember 9/11

Memorial events planned across Southwest Florida

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The 9/11 terrorist attacks happened 25 years ago, and America would never be the same.

Nearly 3,000 people died on that shocking 2001 morning: 2,753 at the World Trade Center, 184 at the Pentagon and 40 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where a hijacked airplane crashed.

Since then, annual 9/11 ceremonies in Southwest Florida and the rest of the country have urged Americans to reflect on those lives lost and to “never forget.”

That includes this month during the 25th anniversary of the attacks.

Here are some of the biggest 9/11 events marking the occasion in Naples, Bonita Springs, Marco Island and the rest of Southwest Florida.

BONITA SPRINGS 9/11 EVENTS

Patriot Day 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

This annual ceremony is hosted by the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District. The event honors “the lives lost, the heroes who answered the call and the resilience of our nation,” according to its Facebook events page. 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. Free. Reflection Park at Bonita Springs Fire Station 1, 27490 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 949-6274 or facebook.com/BSFCRD

NAPLES 9/11 EVENTS

Official 25th Remembrance of Sept. 11 2001,

The annual candlelight ceremony includes commemorative wreaths in front of the Collier County Freedom Memorial and displays honoring firefighters, police and civilians who died on 9/11. Complimentary white luminaries (which can be personalized) and flameless “candles” will be provided to place around the memorial. They’ll stay

lit throughout the night. 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11. Drive-by viewing starts at about 8:30 p.m. Seating and refreshments provided. Collier County Freedom Memorial in Fred W. Coyle Freedom Park, 1515 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples. 825-8073 or facebook.com/FreedomMemorialFoundationNaples-Florida

MARCO ISLAND 9/11 EVENTS

5th-Annual 9/11 Naples Memorial Stair Climb

This annual event invites people to remember those who died on 9/11 while making the symbolic climb up the stairs at Hilton Marco Island Beach Resort and Spa. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. Registration is \$25. The first 200 people to register get an event challenge coin. Proceeds benefit Brotherhood Ride, a nonprofit made up of firefighters, law enforcement officers and EMS personnel who cycle to honor first responders who have died in the line of duty. Hilton Marco Island Beach Resort and Spa, 560 S. Collier Blvd., Marco

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SWFL woman accused of illegally voting in ’24 election

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A Fort Myers resident and Mexican national is facing charges of voting illegally in the 2024 election, in which Donald J. Trump was elected president.

Florida authorities arrested Astrid Navarrete Quintana, 24, on Aug. 27. According to an arrest affidavit, she registered to vote on Aug. 14, 2024, saying she is a U.S. citizen.

She also checked a box confirming that she would “protect and defend”

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