

**Supervisor Inquiry**      **Sequence #: SI2022-146**      **Received: Dec 01, 2022 09:00**

**Category(s): Internal Complaint**

CCR/Event #:

**Employees involved:**

**W3 Red Lieutenant Zachary James Cox [06974]**

**Employee current info:**

Department: Patrol and Community Affairs  
Division: Patrol  
Section: Patrol South

**Snapshot - employee information at time of incident:**

OSN : 06974  
Role: Principal  
Department: Investigations and Special Operations  
Division: Investigations  
Section: Investigations  
Unit: Property Crimes  
Squad: Burglary  
Rank/title: Burglary Unit Sergeant  
Years of employment: 11    Years with unit: 0  
Off duty: No    Off duty employed: Yes

**Policy outcome: Not yet entered**

**Allegations:**

Social Media Use-Code of Conduct  
Dec 01, 2022 - Sustained

**Actions taken:**

First Offense: Dec 07, 2022 - Written Reprimand Level I    Days/hrs suspended/assessed: 0 - [Action/discipline completed]

**Summary:**

ADD [Sgt. Zac Cox] . Allegation by [CCSO]

Complaint Synopsis: Sgt. Cox made a social media comment criticizing the actions of the SAO

**Details of Investigation:**

12/1/22: I opened a supervisory inquiry into a complaint regarding Sgt. Z. Cox and a statement he made on the social media platform of Facebook. Sometime between 11/29 and 11/30, Sgt. Cox shared the news article regarding the final disposition of the Wilkie case in which a plea agreement was reached in which she would serve no jail time (a case involving the seizure of over 200 animals that suffered from various forms of abuse and neglect).

As part of sharing the article on his Facebook platform, Sgt. Cox also commented that the "consequences" were "appalling" and "abominable", which is a direct public rebuke of the State Attorney Office's handling of the case. Regardless of Sgt. Cox or others' opinion, it is a direct violation of the CCSO Code of Conduct, General Order 1000.2, VI (B) and (C), which defines constraints on member's behavior regarding Social Media and its use:

B. Members shall not make ... comments concerning pending investigations and/or prosecutions

C. Members are free to express themselves as private citizens on social media sites to the degree that their speech does not impair the work of the Clay County Sheriff's Office; damage the reputation of another; disparage or embarrass the agency, its members, or any of its business units or functions.

I personally viewed the social media post the morning of 11/30/22, at approximately 0900 hours. I discussed the issue with Sgt. Cox after viewing it. Sgt. Cox explained he was not trying to criticize the SAO, but was simply expressing his outrage at the outcome of the case. In hindsight, he now understands why it is construed as a public criticism of our criminal justice partner, the SAO. He immediately removed the social media post without prompt or asking.

The State Attorney's Office is our direct criminal justice partner and we work hand-in-hand with them on dozens of cases every day. Their successes are our successes, and likewise their failures ours. It is conduct unbecoming of any member who represents the Clay County Sheriff's Office, to disparage or make judgements otherwise, in a public forum or social media setting.

**Findings:**

Code of Conduct, General Order 1000.2, VI (B) and (C)  
This inquiry is sustained on one count of Code of Conduct violation.

**Investigative tasks:**

Due dt	Done dt	Type
Jan 15, 2023		Disposition Letter - Complainant
Assigned To: Un-assigned		
Automatically generated		
Jan 15, 2023		Final Report Due
Assigned To: Un-assigned		
Automatically generated		

**When/where:**

Date/time occurred: Nov 29, 2022 21:00

Incident location: 212 Blanding Boulevard Orange Park FL 32073  
County: Cyberspace

**Linked files:**

**Written I & Receipt (pdf)**  
**fb snapshot (jpg)**

**Status/assignment information:**

Status: Completed

Opened: Assigned: Due: 01/15/2023 Completed: 12/05/2022

Disposition: Sustained

Investigative unit assigned: Un-assigned  
Handled at field/unit level: No  
Investigator assign: Un-assigned  
Supervisor assign: Un-assigned  
Source of information:

**Organizational component(s):**

Department: Investigations and Special Operations  
Division: Investigations  
Section: Investigations  
Unit: Property Crimes  
Squad: Burglary

**BlueTeam chain routings**

**Dec 05, 2022 14:44: Sent from Special Victims Lt. Nathan Daniel Vore [06564] to Cotchaleovitch, Thomas Ray Chief of Investigations [06698]**

Instructions:

For your review

Reviewed by Chief of Investigations Thomas Ray Cotchaleovitch [06698] on Dec 07, 2022 at 11:04

**Decision:**

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Chief of Investigations Thomas Cotchaleovitch]

**Dec 07, 2022 11:04: Sent from Chief of Investigations Thomas Ray Cotchaleovitch [06698] to Vore, Nathan Daniel Special Victims Lt. [06564]**

Instructions:

per conversation to add attachments

Reviewed by Special Victims Lt. Nathan Daniel Vore [06564] on Dec 07, 2022 at 11:57

**Decision:**

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Property Crimes Lieutenant Nathan Vore]

**Dec 07, 2022 11:57: Sent from Special Victims Lt. Nathan Daniel Vore [06564] to Cotchaleovitch, Thomas Ray Chief of Investigations [06698]**

Instructions:

For final approval and archives

Reviewed by Chief of Investigations Thomas Ray Cotchaleovitch [06698] on Dec 07, 2022 at 12:28

**Decision:**

Reviewer comment:

Concur with findings and disposition.

**Supervisor Inquiry**      **Sequence #: SI2021-009**      **Received: Sep 14, 2021 09:00**

CCR/Event #:

**Involved citizen:**

**Jairus Juwan FD Matthews**

Role: Complainant

**Linked address(s):**

Home: 5132 Indian Lakes Court 3 Jacksonville FL 32210

**Linked phone(s):**

Cell: 904-237-9608

**Employees involved:**

**Community Affairs Lieutenant Michael Carl Layne [06292]**

**Employee current info:**

Department: Patrol and Community Affairs

Division: Community Affairs

Section: Community Affairs

**Snapshot - employee information at time of incident:**

OSN : 06292

Role: Involved Other

Body worn camera: Not-Issued

Department: Patrol and Community Affairs

Division: Community Affairs

Section: Community Affairs

Unit: Community Affairs

Squad: Community Affairs LT

Rank/title: Community Affairs Lieutenant

Years of employment: 21    Years with unit: 21

Off duty: Unk    Off duty employed: Unk

**Policy outcome: Within policy**

Actions taken:

Oct 06, 2021 - No Disciplinary Action    Days/hrs suspended/assessed: 0

**W1 Red Sergeant Zachary James Cox [06974]**

**Employee current info:**

Department: Patrol and Community Affairs

Division: Patrol

Section: Patrol North

**Snapshot - employee information at time of incident:**



OSN : 06974  
Role: Involved Other  
Body worn camera: Not-Issued  
Department: Investigations and Special Operations  
Division: Investigations  
Section: Investigations  
Unit: Property Crimes  
Squad: Auto Crimes  
Rank/title: Auto Crimes Unit Sergeant  
Years of employment: 10 Years with unit: 10  
Off duty: Unk Off duty employed: Unk

**Policy outcome: Within policy**

Actions taken:

Oct 06, 2021 - No Disciplinary Action Days/hrs suspended/assessed: 0

**Traffic Blue Deputy Nathaniel William Baumgartner [08117]**

**Employee current info:**

Department: Patrol and Community Affairs  
Division: Patrol  
Section: Patrol North

**Snapshot - employee information at time of incident:**

OSN : 08117  
Role: Involved Other  
Body worn camera: Not-Issued  
Department: Patrol and Community Affairs  
Division: Patrol  
Section: Patrol North  
Unit: W3 Blue North  
Squad: W2 Blue North  
Rank/title: Dui Deputy Blue  
Years of employment: 2 Years with unit: 2  
Off duty: Unk Off duty employed: Unk

**Policy outcome: Within policy**

Actions taken:

Oct 06, 2021 - No Disciplinary Action Days/hrs suspended/assessed: 0

**W1 Blue Deputy Charlie Webster Phillips [07990]**

**Employee current info:**

Department: Patrol and Community Affairs  
Division: Patrol  
Section: Patrol South

**Snapshot - employee information at time of incident:**

OSN : 07990  
Role: Involved Other

Body worn camera: Not-Issued  
Department: Patrol and Community Affairs  
Division: Patrol  
Section: Patrol North  
Unit: W3 Blue North  
Squad: W3 Blue North  
Rank/title: W3 Blue Deputy  
Years of employment: 4 Years with unit: 4  
Off duty: Unk Off duty employed: Unk

**Policy outcome: Within policy**

Actions taken:

Oct 06, 2021 - No Disciplinary Action Days/hrs suspended/assessed: 0

### **Timothy Wendell Jennings [08014]**

#### **Employee current info:**

Department:  
Division:  
Section:

#### **Snapshot - employee information at time of incident:**

OSN : 08014  
Role: Involved Other  
Body worn camera: Not-Issued  
Department:  
Division:  
Section:  
Rank/title:  
Years of employment: 3 Years with unit: 0  
Off duty: Unk Off duty employed: Unk

**Policy outcome: Within policy**

### **Traffic Blue Deputy Marc Robert Gadt [06183]**

#### **Employee current info:**

Department: Patrol and Community Affairs  
Division: Community Affairs  
Section: Community Affairs

#### **Snapshot - employee information at time of incident:**

OSN : 06183  
Role: Involved Other  
Body worn camera: Not-Issued  
Department: Patrol and Community Affairs  
Division: Community Affairs  
Section: Community Affairs  
Unit: Patrol Support  
Squad: Traffic Blue  
Rank/title: Traffic Blue Deputy  
Years of employment: 22 Years with unit: 22  
Off duty: Unk Off duty employed: Unk

**Policy outcome: Within policy**

Actions taken:

Oct 06, 2021 - No Disciplinary Action Days/hrs suspended/assessed: 0

**Summary:**

Deputies Layne, Cox, Baumgartner, Phillips, Jennings and Gadt. Allegation by Jairus Matthews

The following Deputies ran the subjects name through NCIC or DAVID.

09-26-2020 - Layne (Watch Commander) - This was around the timeframe of the incident (2020-023133) that the subject was involved in.

10-01-2020 - Zachary Cox - This was a week after he filed a complaint about the prior incident. Sgt. Cox released intel bulletin #2020-828

10-05-2020 - Baumgartner / Phillips - Both of these deputies were on a stolen vehicle call on this date. A black male was arrested on scene but was not the listed complainant. Both deputies were on a stolen vehicle and ran the complainants name because they were unsure of the suspects ID.

10-06-2020 - Jennings - (No longer employed with agency) Unable to find entries . On 09/20, 2021. I emailed Perry Ward to find the information. The following was returned: At 1251 hours the deputy checked out on a property check at 1300 Blanding Blvd. At 1457 hours the deputy checked out on a follow-up of a missing person call at 498 Logan Ave.

10-11-2020 - Phillips / Gadt - Related to a black male trespassing at Orange Park Medical Center. They encountered a black male, unknown name, video taping them.

Investigation has revealed that the complainants name was searched after an Intel Bulletin was issued on 10/01/2020, concerning Officer Safety and Awareness.

The complaint's concerns relating to his name being searched through DAVID and NCIC are unfounded.

I am unable to contact the complainant with a letter, email or phone call because he refused to leave any contact information.

**Investigative tasks:**

Due dt	Done dt	Type
Nov 04, 2021	Oct 06, 2021	Disposition Letter - Complainant

Assigned To: Un-assigned

Automatically generated

Due dt	Done dt	Type
Nov 04, 2021	Oct 06, 2021	Final Report Due

Assigned To: Un-assigned

Automatically generated

< N/A > Oct 06, 2021 Other (Describe)

Assigned To: Detective Kevin Carver

Send Perry a request to check CAD calls for Timothy Jennings. Waiting on reply

### **When/where:**

Date/time occurred:

### **Linked files:**

**Event report for Dep Jennings (pdf)**  
**Intel Bulletin (pdf)**  
**Perry Wards email (pdf)**  
**RE NCIC (msg)**  
**Email and NCIC report (pdf)**  
**NCIC request to Perry Ward (msg)**

### **Status/assignment information:**

Status: Completed

Opened: 09/14/2021 Assigned: 09/14/2021 Due: 11/04/2021 Completed: 10/06/2021

Disposition: Unfounded

Unit assigned: Internal Affairs  
Handled at field/unit level: No  
Investigator assign: Detective Kevin Carver  
Supervisor assign: Sergeant Keith Smith  
Source of information: E-Mail

### **Organizational component(s):**

Department: Patrol and Community Affairs  
Division: Community Affairs  
Section: Community Affairs  
Unit: Community Affairs  
Squad: Community Affairs LT

**Entered by: Detective Kevin Carver on Sep 20, 2021 at 10:34**

## Carver, Kevin

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**From:** Smith, Keith  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021 10:55 AM  
**To:** Carver, Kevin  
**Subject:** Fwd: rkittles@claysheriff.com  
**Attachments:** S10-61 Oper21090405510.pdf

Sergeant Keith Smith  
Clay County Sheriffs Office

Internal Affairs Unit  
Cell (904) 237-1899  
Office (904) 289-0835

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Maertz, Kami" <kmaertz@claysheriff.com>  
**Date:** September 4, 2021 at 07:59:38 EDT  
**To:** "Molina, Steven" <SMolina@claysheriff.com>, "Smith, Keith" <KSmith@claysheriff.com>  
**Subject:** FW: rkittles@claysheriff.com

09-26-2020- Layne- This was around the timeframe of the "incident" that the subject stated he was involved in.

10-01-2020- Cox- He advised this was a week after he filed a complaint about the prior incident

10-05-2020- Baumgartner/ C. Phillips- these Deputies were both on a s10 on this day together. A B/M was arrested on scene but not same subject

10-06-2020- T. Jennings – for some reason his name or ID number it wont allow me to search in CAD (I am assuming because he left the agency) 8014

10-11-2020- C. Phillips/Gadt- looks like this is possibly related to a s55 at OPMC. It advised they encountered a B/M that was videoing them but it does not advise the name of the male .

**From:** printeradmin@claysheriff.com <printeradmin@claysheriff.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 4, 2021 6:52 AM  
**To:** Maertz, Kami <kmaertz@claysheriff.com>  
**Subject:** rkittles@claysheriff.com

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# CCSO

## Event Report

Event ID: 2020-330532

Call Ref #: 311

Date/Time Received: 10/06/20 12:51:59

Rpt #:	Prime 1131	Services Involved		
Call Source: SELF	Unit: JENNINGS, TIMOTHY WENDELL	LAW		
Location: 1300-BLK BLANDING BLVD		Jur: CCSO Service: LAW Agency: CCSO		
X-ST: VENTURE LN		St/Beat: 12	District: 1	RA: 058
OAK LN		Phone:	GP:	
Business:				
Nature: AREA/PROPERTY CHECK		Alarm Lvl: 1	Priority: 5	Medical Priority:
Reclassified Nature:				
Caller:	Phone:		Alarm:	
Addr:			Alarm Type:	
Vehicle #:	St: FL	Report Only: No	Race:	Sex: Age:
Call Taker: Unit:1131		Console: 7365		
Geo-Verified Addr.: Yes		Nature Summary Code:	Disposition: R	Close Comments:
Notes:				

### Times

Call Received: 10/06/20 12:51:59	<u>Time From Call Received</u>	Unit Reaction:	(1st Dispatch to 1st Arrive)
Call Routed: 10/06/20 12:51:59		En-Route:	(1st Dispatch to 1st En-Route)
Call Take Finished: 10/06/20 12:51:59		On-Scene:	000:00:12 (1st Arrive to Last Clear)
1st Dispatch: 10/06/20 12:51:59	(Time Held)		
1st En-Route: 10/06/20 12:51:59			
1st Arrive: 10/06/20 12:51:59	(Reaction Time)		
Last Clear: 10/06/20 12:52:11	000:00:12		

### Radio Log

Unit	Empl ID	Type	Description	Time Stamp	Comments (may truncate in portrait)	Close Code	User
1131	08014	D	Dispatched	10/06/20 12:51:59			Unit:1131
1131	08014	E	En-Route	10/06/20 12:51:59			Unit:1131
1131	08014	A	Arrived	10/06/20 12:51:59			Unit:1131
1131	08014	C	Cleared	10/06/20 12:52:11	[R]	R	TJENNINGS

### Event Log

Unit	Empl ID	Type	Description	Time Stamp	Comments (may truncate in portrait)	Close Code	User
		TR	Time Received	10/06/20 12:51:59	By: SELF		Unit:1131
		FIN	Finished Call Taking	10/06/20 12:51:59			Unit:1131

Report Generated: 09/21/2021 14:40:19 | User ID: KCARVER

Note: Comments may truncate in portrait. Use landscape to avoid truncation.





## CCSO

## Event Report

Event ID: 2020-330684

Call Ref #: 463

Date/Time Received: 10/06/20 14:57:31

Rpt #:	Prime 1131	Services Involved			
Call Source: PHONE	Unit: JENNINGS, TIMOTHY WENDELL	LAW			
Location: 498 LOGAN AV		(S) (N) RIDGEWOOD			
X-ST: HARRISON AV	Jur: CCSO	Service: LAW	Agency: CCSO		
WASHINGTON AV	St/Beat: 12	District: 1	RA: 057		
Business:	Phone:	GP:			
Nature: FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION		Alarm Lvl: 1	Priority: 6	Medical Priority:	
Reclassified Nature:					
Caller: DILLON, DAVE		Phone: (386) 225-6552		Alarm:	
Addr: 498 LOGAN AV				Alarm Type:	
Vehicle #:	St:	Report Only: No	Race:	Sex:	Age:
Call Taker: JAMARTIN		Console: CAD4			
Geo-Verified Addr.: Yes		Nature Summary Code:	Disposition: Y	Close Comments:	
Notes: ADV S8 MICHAEL DILLON WM 05/29/1989 S8 PX DIED AT A FRIENDS RESID S8 JUST WALKED IN THE DOOR HES S77 [10/06/20 14:58:08 JAMARTIN]CCR 2020 023871 [10/06/20 14:58:53 JAMARTIN]					

## Times

Call Received: 10/06/20 14:57:31	Time From Call Received	
Call Routed: 10/06/20 14:58:11	000:00:40	Unit Reaction: 000:00:55 (1st Dispatch to 1st Arrive)
Call Take Finished: 10/06/20 14:58:23	000:00:52	En-Route: (1st Dispatch to 1st En-Route)
1st Dispatch: 10/06/20 15:05:53	000:08:22 (Time Held)	On-Scene: 000:11:20 (1st Arrive to Last Clear)
1st En-Route: 10/06/20 15:05:53	000:08:22	
1st Arrive: 10/06/20 15:06:48	000:09:17 (Reaction Time)	
Last Clear: 10/06/20 15:18:08	000:20:37	

## Radio Log

Unit	Empl ID	Type	Description	Time Stamp	Comments (may truncate in portrait)	Close Code	User
1131	08014	D	Dispatched	10/06/20 15:05:53	Out Evt: [A] at 1091 BLANDING BLVD		MMAKAR
1131	08014	E	En-Route	10/06/20 15:05:53	Out Evt: [A] at 1091 BLANDING BLVD		MMAKAR
1131	08014	A	Arrived	10/06/20 15:06:48			MMAKAR
1131	08014	M	Misc. Radio	10/06/20 15:10:45	1012 S8		MMAKAR
1131	08014	C	Cleared	10/06/20 15:18:08	[Y]	Y	TJENNINGS

## Event Log

Unit	Empl ID	Type	Description	Time Stamp	Comments (may truncate in portrait)	Close Code	User
		TR	Time Received	10/06/20 14:57:31	By: PHONE		JAMARTIN

Report Generated: 09/21/2021 14:42:18 | User ID: KCARVER

Note: Comments may truncate in portrait. Use landscape to avoid truncation.

ENT	Entered Street	10/06/20 14:57:36	498 LOGAN AV	JAMARTIN
VCH	Viewed Call History	10/06/20 14:57:37	Location Information	JAMARTIN
ENT	Entered Remarks	10/06/20 14:58:08		JAMARTIN
ENT	Entered Nature	10/06/20 14:58:10	FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION	JAMARTIN
FF	Fast Forward to LAW	10/06/20 14:58:11	LAW	JAMARTIN
ENT	Entered	10/06/20 14:58:15	DAVE	JAMARTIN
ENT	Entered CallerPhone	10/06/20 14:58:23	3862256552	JAMARTIN
FIN	Finished Call Taking	10/06/20 14:58:23		JAMARTIN
VCH	Viewed Call History	10/06/20 14:58:44	Location Information	JAMARTIN
ARM	Added Remarks	10/06/20 14:58:53		JAMARTIN
VEV	Viewed Event	10/06/20 14:58:55	User First Viewed Event CAD	AJETT
CHG	Changed	10/06/20 14:59:01	DAVE --> DILLON, DAVE	JAMARTIN
VEV	Viewed Event	10/06/20 14:59:01	User First Viewed Event CAD	MMAKAR
VCH	Viewed Call History	10/06/20 14:59:13	Location Information	JAMARTIN
VHO	Viewed Hot-Spots	10/06/20 14:59:19	Location Information	AJETT
VCH	Viewed Call History	10/06/20 14:59:37	Location Information	MMAKAR
VEV	Viewed Event	10/06/20 15:14:24	User First Viewed Event CAD	AANTONIEL

**119.071(4)(d)2.a**

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CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL**CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM** #5

Date Complaint Received	12/14/2017	Time	17:44	Hours
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Complaint Received	TELEPHONE	Type of Complaint	CITZ	Nature of Complaint (check one)	INFORMATIONAL
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**Complainant**

Name & Personal Data	Name	Race	Sex	Date of Birth
	MIDYETTE, ELIZABETH	W	F	09/20/1984
Home Address	Street, City, State, Zip			Home Phone
	3257 HIDDEN MEADOWS CT, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043			336-588-6810
Work Address	Employer, Street, City, State, Zip			Work Phone
	NONE,			

**Incident**

Date Incident Occurred	12/14/2017	Time Incident Occurred	15:40	Location Incident Occurred	899 BLANDING BLVD ORANGE PARK, FL 32065
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**Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint**

Spoke to E. Midyette and she advised she had to call the Sheriff's Office on her son today while she was shopping at Walmart. When D/S Cox arrived, he Baker Acted her son due to his behavior and statements he made. Though E. Midyette was very appreciative of D/S Cox, she was bothered by some of the advice he tried to provide her.

She advised D/S Cox gave her his "personal opinion" and that the problem with her son was the medication and home discipline and that corporal punishment was legal in the State of Florida. She advised those comments made by D/S Cox upset her because she does punish her child.

E. Midyette expressed that she appreciated D/S Cox's help on everything he did for her, but she just didn't like his personal opinion because he isn't a doctor.

I spoke to D/S Cox about the aforementioned events and advised him to keep his personal opinions to himself.

This matter is closed.

**Officer(s) Involved**

Code	Officer Name	Code #	Assignment	Date Empl.	Race	Sex	DOB
IE	COX, ZACHARY J	06974	OPERSW3ROPS	01/28/2014	W	M	119.071(4)(d)2.a

**Supervisor****Supervisor's Action Towards Resolution of the Complaint**

I spoke to D/S Cox about keeping his personal feelings to himself.

**SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Informal Complaints ☒ Complainant SATISFIED with resolution offered by the supervisor and NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.

Formal Complaints ☐ Additional investigation required (Recommendation):

If the officer is charged with a violation of Rules & Regulations or Policy & Procedures as a result of this complaint, will the complainant attend an Administrative Hearing to testify?

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 12/14/2017

Supervisor's Name: RUBY, CHRISTOPHER BRIAN Code #: 06541

**FOR USE BY INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT ONLY**

Date PD-82 Received In Internal Affairs Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**Informal Complaint**

Date Place in Preliminary File: \_\_\_\_\_ File Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Formal Complaint**

Control Number Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Services ☐ Internal Affairs Unit



## Citizen Complaint Tracking Tracking

Time	Action	Description	Officer	Time Spent (Mins)
01/04/2018 13:05	SUSTAINED	SUSTAINED (Review Status was changed to SUST)	VORE, N. D.	0.00
Total Time Spent in Minutes:				0.00

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL**CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM** #17

Date Complaint Received	01/06/2018	Time	07:44	Hours
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Complaint Received	EMAIL	Type of Complaint	CITZ	Nature of Complaint (check one)	CRIMINAL ALLEGATION
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**Complainant**

Name & Personal Data	Name	Race	Sex	Date of Birth
Home Address	Street, City, State, Zip			Home Phone
Work Address	Employer, Street, City, State, Zip			Work Phone

**Incident**

Date Incident Occurred		Time Incident Occurred		Location Incident Occurred	
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**Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint**

Lt. Burke, at 1600 hours I got a call from Communications regarding a complaint on a deputy. The caller asked to make a complaint about Deputy Zach Cox "stalking or harassing" him by coming to his house over and over for "all kind of things". The caller indicated that he personally knew the deputy since the deputy was a child.

At the time the call came in, there were no longer any of the IA personnel available. After attempting to locate someone at 10-19, I requested communications to have the on duty Watch Commander call me.

You returned the call and asked that I email you the contact information so you could handle the call.

119.071(4)(d)2.d

The caller is Kyle Williams, and he can be reached at He indicated he lived in the Lake Asbury area but did not provide communications with an address.

Please let Sgt. Vore know your findings in regard to the complaint.

Kit Peterson

**Officer(s) Involved**

Code	Officer Name	Code #	Assignment	Date Empl.	Race	Sex	DOB
IE	COX, ZACHARY J	06974	OPERSW3ROPS	01/28/2014	W	M	119.071(4)(d)2.a

**Supervisor****Supervisor's Action Towards Resolution of the Complaint**

I called the complainant. He advised he did not want to file a complaint or get anyone in trouble. He just wanted information about an incident that occurred a year ago concerning his brother.

**SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Informal Complaints ☐ Complainant SATISFIED with resolution offered by the supervisor and NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.

Formal Complaints ☐ Additional investigation required (Recommendation):

Incident closed

If the officer is charged with a violation of Rules & Regulations or Policy & Procedures as a result of this complaint, will the complainant attend an Administrative Hearing to testify?

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 01/08/2018

Supervisor's Name: BURKE, RUSSELL PAUL Code #: 00300

**FOR USE BY INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT ONLY**

Date PD-82 Received In Internal Affairs Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**Informal Complaint**

Date Place In Preliminary File: \_\_\_\_\_ File Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Formal Complaint**

Control Number Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Services ☐ Internal Affairs Unit

## Citizen Complaint Tracking Tracking

Time	Action	Description	Officer	Time Spent (Mins)
03/31/2018 07:00	EXONERATED	EXONERATED (Review Status was changed to EXON)	BURKE, R. P.	0.00
Total Time Spent in Minutes:				0.00

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL**CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM** #26

Date Complaint Received	01/10/2018	Time	23:00	Hours
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Complaint Received	TELEPHONE	Type of Complaint	CITZ	Nature of Complaint (check one)	RUDENESS / CONDUCT
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**Complainant**

Name & Personal Data	Name	Race	Sex	Date of Birth
	HALL, JOSHUA DWAYNE	W	M	
Home Address	Street, City, State, Zip			Home Phone
	119.071(4)(d)2.a			
Work Address	Employer, Street, City, State, Zip			Work Phone
	COLUMBIA CI, LAKE CITY FL			386-292-7212

**Incident**

Date Incident Occurred	01/10/2018	Time Incident Occurred	22:36	Location Incident Occurred	1700 BLANDING BLVD MIDDLEBURG, FL32068
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**Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint**

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Upon arrival, I made contact with D/S Cox and D/S McCrea who were in the northbound turn lane on Blanding Blvd. at Coppergate. D/S Cox stated upon his arrival, he made contact with D/S McCrea who was sitting inside his patrol vehicle conducting a NCIC check of the drivers Florida driver's license. As he was speaking to Deputy McCrea, he observed a silver four door vehicle with its headlights off stopped at the red-light at 1700 Blanding Blvd (Lowes). The vehicle appeared to be stopped in the turn lane to make a right turn onto Blanding Blvd. to go southbound. As he continued to speak with D/S McCrea, he observed a white male wearing an unknown gray uniform shirt and black pants walking in the crosswalk at the aforementioned intersection. The male, later identified as Josh Hall, began to approach the vehicle D/S McCrea had stopped. D/S Cox asked the male if he could assist him, at which time he stated "yea, that's my wife and I'm here to get my kid." As he approached the male, he observed the uniform shirt to be a Florida Department of Corrections uniform shirt with the name "J. Hall" stitched above the front uniform pocket. The male had no identification card or badge on his person to positively identify him. The male asked D/S Cox "Is everything okay?" at which time he stated it was. The male then asked "what happened?" D/S Cox advised the male D/S McCrea is the deputy who conducted this traffic stop, and he was unsure as to what traffic violation was violated.

The male then began to walk towards D/S McCrea who was still seated inside his patrol vehicle. D/S Cox told them male not to approach D/S McCrea while he was seated inside his patrol vehicle, at which time the male continued to walk towards D/S McCrea. Due to multiple officer safety concerns for himself and D/S McCrea, he grabbed the male by his left arm and ordered him to stop approaching D/S McCrea. The male then pulled away his arm from his grasp and stated "Don't you fucking touch me." D/S Cox then told the male to go back to his vehicle or he would place him under arrest for resisting without violence.

<b>Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint</b>
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The male did not move and stood at the door of Deputy McCrea's patrol vehicle. D/S McCrea and D/S Cox ordered the male to go back to his vehicle numerous times or he would be placed under arrest. The male began to laugh, and turned around to walk to his vehicle.

D/S McCrea deployed his K-9 (Ori), at which time Ori alerted to the presence of narcotics emitting from the defendant's vehicle. A search of the defendant's vehicle revealed methamphetamine and marijuana. The defendant was subsequently arrested by D/S McCrea. The defendant stated she is the male subject's fiancé and they are not married but do have a child in common.

I made contact with Mr. Hall and he was wearing a prison guard uniform with sergeant stripes on each arm. Mr. Hall stated the following. He saw his wife being stopped by a deputy sheriff and was wondering why she was stopped. He parked his vehicle and walked up to the deputies, who were in the roadway, to ask them why she was stopped. At that time, he was met by D/S Cox and he asked D/S Cox why his wife was stopped. At that time, D/S Cox told him he didn't conduct the stop and could not tell him why she was stopped. He then started to walk towards D/S McCrea who was sitting in his vehicle to ask him why he stopped her and that is when D/S Cox grabbed him by his arm and told him not to approach the deputy while he was in his vehicle. At that time, he pulled his arm away and told D/S Cox not to touch him. At that time, D/S Cox began telling him to go back to his vehicle or he was going to be arrested. He told D/S Cox that he just wanted to know why his wife was stopped and that he was going to ask the other deputy why she was stopped and that is when D/S McCrea got out of his vehicle and ordered him back to his vehicle or he was going to be arrested. Mr. Hall stated at that time, he walked back to his vehicle and called the sheriff's office.

I asked Mr. Hall if that was his wife in the vehicle and he stated that it was his girlfriend of 5 years and they live together, so it's like his wife. I asked him if they had children in common and he stated the child in the car was his. I told him that his girlfriend was being arrested for possession of narcotics and he asked what she had. I told him she had meth and marijuana in her vehicle and he stated that he knew about his girlfriend doing marijuana but the deputies must have planted the meth in her vehicle. I told Mr. Hall at that time that he was not going to speak about the deputies like that and that it was inappropriate.

A vehicle inventory form was completed, at which time Mr. Hall took possession of the defendant's vehicle and their child and left the scene without further incident.

This complaint is unfounded. Mr. Hall disobeyed a lawful direct order from D/S Cox not to walk towards D/S McCrea while he in his patrol vehicle for officer safety purposes. D/S Cox had the right to prevent Mr. Hall from walking to D/S McCrea and at that time was warned several times to go back to his vehicle by both deputies at which time, Mr. Hall laughed at them while he was in a guard uniform of rank. There is no further action required.



## Officer(s) Involved

Code	Officer Name	Code #	Assignment	Date Empl.	Race	Sex	DOB
IE	COX, ZACHARY J	06974	OPERSW3ROPS	01/28/2014	W	M	119.071(4)(d)2.a
IO	MCCREA, ANDY L	06717	OPERK9SUPP	03/27/2006	W	M	

## Supervisor

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## SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION

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Formal Complaints ☐ Additional investigation required (Recommendation):

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Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Code #: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR USE BY INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT ONLY

Date PD-82 Received in Internal Affairs Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Informal Complaint

Date Place in Preliminary File: \_\_\_\_\_ File Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Formal Complaint

Control Number Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Services ☐ Internal Affairs Unit

## Citizen Complaint Tracking Tracking

Time	Action	Description	Officer	Time Spent (Mins)
02/06/2018 13:16	UNFOUNDED	UNFOUNDED (Review Status was changed to UNF)	RUBY, C. B.	0.00
Total Time Spent in Minutes:				0.00

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL**CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM** # 100

Date Complaint Received	04/28/2018	Time	23:15	Hours
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Complaint Received	TELEPHONE	Type of Complaint	CITZ	Nature of Complaint (check one)	INFORMATIONAL
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**Complainant**

Name & Personal Data	Name	Race	Sex	Date of Birth
	HAMMOC, TOMIKA L	B	F	06/17/1979
Home Address	Street, City, State, Zip			Home Phone
	442-312 BLANDING BLVD, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073			- -
Work Address	Employer, Street, City, State, Zip			Work Phone
	UNEMPLOYED,			- -

**Incident**

Date Incident Occurred	04/28/2018	Time Incident Occurred	12:00	Location Incident Occurred	442 BLANDING BLVD 312 ORANGE PARK, FL32073
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**Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint**

Received from Comm Supervisor:

TAMIKA BOWERS CALLED AND ADV SHE HAS AN INJUNCTION OUT OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY WISCONSIN ON LAWRENCE HAMMOC AND HE PUT HER HEAD THROUGH THE WALL AT 442-310 BLANDING BLVD. SHE ADV HE STARTED MESSING WITH HER LAST WEEK IN JACKSONVILLE BUT THIS INCIDENT OCC'D TODAY IN CLAY COUNTY. DEPUTY COX E6974 TOLD HER TO CALL JACKSONVILLE AND THAT HE DID NOT THINK IT WAS A FEDERAL INJUNCTION (PER COMP). COMP CALLED WISCONSIN AND THEY TOLD HER TO HAVE LEO HERE CALL THEM TO VERIFY THE INJUNCTION. AS OF NOW, NO REPORT HAS BEEN TAKEN. COMP'S NUMBER IS 904 272 5711 ROOM 310. THE FEMALE IN WISCONSIN ADV SHE IS STANDING BY FOR OUR PHONE CALL PER COMP.

THANK YOU,  
SCHERM 6844

## Officer(s) Involved

Code	Officer Name	Code #	Assignment	Date Empl.	Race	Sex	DOB
IE	COX, ZACHARY J	06974	OPERSW3ROPS	01/28/2014	W	M	
IO	GLENN, JOSEPH K	07651	OPERGIUOPI	07/06/2015	W	M	119.071(4)(d)2.a

## Supervisor

### Supervisor's Action Towards Resolution of the Complaint

During the first call service, the complainant advised Deputy Cox that she and her husband had moved into the Jacksonville area from Wisconsin and had been staying at the Motel 6 on Youngerman Circle in Duval County. Last week they had an argument and she said her husband battered her and pushed her head into the wall of the room. As a result, they were kicked out of the Motel 6 and relocated to In-Towne Suites at 442 Blanding Blvd. According to Mrs. Hammoc they had another argument on 4/28/18 but no battery occurred. She stated she kicked her husband out of the room at In-Towne and wanted him trespassed and prosecuted for violation of an injunction due to the battery at Motel 6 and the fact he wouldn't leave her alone. She advised she had an injunction against him issued in Wisconsin that was for "no violence." Cox explained to her that the battery was outside CCSO jurisdiction and referred her to JSO.

The second call for service occurred shortly after her complaint to Comm. Mrs. Hammoc advised her husband was banging on the room door wanting to get in and get his stuff but she refused and told him to sleep in the car. She had not called JSO as instructed earlier about the battery, but she again demanded he be prosecuted for the battery at Motel 6 and for the injunction violation. She stated she had been renting rooms with him because they were trying to "work it out" but that he battered her and now she wants him gone. We explained to her that we could not work the battery that occurred in Jacksonville. To try and help her we did document everything in an "assist other agency" report and tele-typed the complaint to JSO requesting an officer respond. A couple of hours later JSO responded but did not let us know they were there, and met with Mrs. Hammoc without our deputies present. At approximately 0530 hours on 4/29/18 Mrs. Hammoc contacted CCSO a third time and stated that JSO had referred her back to us. According to Mrs. Hammoc JSO told her the incident started in Duval but ended here so CCSO should work it. Mrs. Hammoc was extremely upset at this point due to getting bounced back and forth with no resolution.

On 4/29/18 I directed Sgt. Ruby and the SIC Sgt. Scott to follow-up and try and resolve the jurisdiction issue with JSO. In any case this is not a complaint as the Deputies are acting on Mrs. Hammoc's statements and are trying to help her.

On 4/30/18 I received an update from Sgt. Scott:

I spoke to Sgt. Jackson from JSO on 4/29/2018 and he related the following:

He and his Deputy made contact with her (Tamika) at the Intown suites in Orange Park and the story she related to him showed that no contact had been initiated between her and her husband at the Denny's, nor had any violence occurred between them. Sgt. Jackson advised that Tamika made claims that the violation and possible violence had occurred in Clay County at the Intown suites thus why they had told her to call us. It appears to me as if she is trying to play each agency against each other by changing her story. After a more thorough review no violation has occurred as of now to act upon.

I made contact with Tamika in reference to the facts of both incidents. She appeared to understand our (law enforcement) position better and have a better understanding of her injunction. She was provided with numbers to call if any further issues arise.

Respectfully,  
Sgt. Scott

Exonerated

## SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Informal Complaints ☒ Complainant SATISFIED with resolution offered by the supervisor and NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.

Formal Complaints ☐ Additional investigation required (Recommendation):

I advised all involved for future reference:

Any other contact with this complainant or any similar cases, a sworn written statement will be obtained on the allegations before referring them to another agency. This is so that if the story changes or there is evidence of false statements, action can be taken.

If the officer is charged with a violation of Rules & Regulations or Policy & Procedures as a result of this complaint, will the complainant attend an Administrative Hearing to testify?

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name: CLARK, JEREMY PAUL Code #: 06223

### FOR USE BY INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT ONLY

Date PD-82 Received in Internal Affairs Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Informal Complaint

Date Place in Preliminary File: \_\_\_\_\_ File Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Formal Complaint

Control Number Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Services ☐ Internal Affairs Unit

## Citizen Complaint Tracking Tracking

Time	Action	Description	Officer	Time Spent (Mins)
05/27/2018 21:20	EXONERATED	EXONERATED (Review Status was changed to EXON)	CLARK, J. P.	0.00
Total Time Spent in Minutes:				0.00

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL**CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM** #159

Date Complaint Received	07/18/2018	Time	08:50	Hours
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Complaint Received	TELEPHONE	Type of Complaint	PAC	Nature of Complaint (check one)	RUDENESS / CONDUCT
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**Complainant**

Name & Personal Data	Name	Race	Sex	Date of Birth
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Home Address	Street, City, State, Zip			Home Phone
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Work Address	Employer, Street, City, State, Zip			Work Phone
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**Incident**

Date Incident Occurred	07/16/2018	Time Incident Occurred	13:45	Location Incident Occurred	1693 BARTLETT AV ORANGE PARK, FL32073
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**Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint**

William Johns complaint that Deputies (from call log, Z. Cox and R. Gonzales) treated him poorly during a civil call for service.

W. Johns advised on 07/16/2018, he went to retrieve belongings from previous residence, 1693 Bartlett Ave. W. John advised while he was gathering his items, three teenagers at the residence began to threaten him so he called the Sheriff's Office.

W. Johns advised Deputies arrived on scene. W. Johns advised the Deputies directed the teenagers and his ex-girlfriend to put his property outside and he could retrieve it from there. W. Johns advised he is disabled and has trouble with his legs. W. Johns advised the Deputies told him, "quit making shit hard and get your stuff and get the fuck out" and "quit being an asshole and get his shit and leave." W. Johns advised his ex-girlfriend and teenagers were throwing his items outside and "broke or damaged" his personal items.

W. Johns advised Deputies "took" his keys and told him, "if he returned he would regret it." W. Johns advised because he had not been served with eviction papers he should still be allowed to return to the residence.



**Officer(s) Involved**

Code	Officer Name	Code #	Assignment	Date Empl.	Race	Sex	DOB
IE COX, ZACHARY J		06974	OPERSW3ROPS	01/28/2014	W	M	119.071(4)(d)2.a
IE GONZALES, RYAN L		06897	PRSTADMN	04/07/2008	H	M	

**Supervisor****Supervisor's Action Towards Resolution of the Complaint**

I was assigned this complaint on today's date and immediately reviewed all the allegations and call history. I then spoke with Deputy Gonzales concerning the allegation that he and Deputy Cox cursed at the complainant, threatened him if he returned and stood by as other parties intentionally destroyed his property.

Deputy Gonzales responded that every bit of that information was false. He stated that he never was rude to the complainant and never used any obscenities. He stated that the complainant called them to the scene and his property was already outside the residence and there was no one destroying any property. Deputy Gonzales stated that the complainant voluntarily turned his keys over to the occupants and stated it was in his own best interest to return to Gainesville. Deputy Gonzales stated while at the residence he did tell the complainant to speed up the process because he felt that the complainant was using the presence of Law Enforcement to intimidate the other parties and to make it seem as if Law Enforcement was on his side during a civil dispute where we were only there to keep the peace.

Deputy Gonzales stated several days later he received a phone message to call the complainant and he did so. He stated the complainant had a different account of the facts that occurred on that night and accused him of making him relinquish the keys against his will and leave the property. Deputy Gonzales refreshed his memory on what occurred and the complainant began cursing at him. Deputy Gonzales requested that he stop cursing at him or he would terminate the call and the complainant continued to curse so he did so.

I spoke to Deputy Zach Cox concerning the allegation as well and he stated that the entire allegation was also false and he never spoke unprofessionally to anyone and never heard Deputy Gonzales speak unprofessional either. Deputy Cox also confirmed that no property was being damaged in their presence.

I attempted contact with the complainant by telephone due to his residence being in Gainesville. I received his voicemail and left a message. I will attempt contact again to resolve this matter.

I attempted contact with the complainant throughout the weekend of 7/20/2018 at the number provided by Detective Maertz 904-444-7257 I received no answer and left a message.

Repeated attempts to contact the complainant in this incident resulted in no contact and no response to my voicemails. I contacted Detective Maertz with Internal Affairs and requested a letter to be sent to the complainant's last known address expressing this. This letter will also inform him that this allegation will be unfounded. I will state that in the years that I have supervised or worked with both of the Deputies alleged to have used the profanity stated I have never observed or heard them use this type of language or treat anyone in the alleged manner stated by the complainant.

\*\*\*\*\*UNFOUNDED\*\*\*\*\*.

**SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Informal Complaints ☐ Complainant SATISFIED with resolution offered by the supervisor and NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.  
Formal Complaints ☐ Additional investigation required (Recommendation):

If the officer is charged with a violation of Rules & Regulations or Policy & Procedures as a result of this complaint, will the complainant attend an Administrative Hearing to testify?

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 07/18/2018

Supervisor's Name: PANICCIA, DOMENICO Code #: 06137



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Date PD-82 Received in Internal Affairs Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

### Informal Complaint

Date Placed in Preliminary File: \_\_\_\_\_ File Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

### Formal Complaint

Control Number Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Services ☐ Internal Affairs Unit

## Citizen Complaint Tracking Tracking

Time	Action	Description	Officer	Time Spent (Mins)
07/26/2018 07:17	UNFOUNDED	UNFOUNDED (Review Status was changed to UNF)	PANICCIA, D.	120.00
Total Time Spent in Minutes:				120.00

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL**CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM** #181

Date Complaint Received	08/22/2018	Time	09:25	Hours
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Complaint Received	EMAIL	Type of Complaint	PATROL RED	Nature of Complaint (check one)	INFORMATIONAL
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**Complainant**

Name & Personal Data	Name	Race	Sex	Date of Birth
	LLOYD, JAMES C JR	W	M	09/27/1964
Home Address	Street, City, State, Zip			Home Phone
	495 S CLERMONT AV, ORANGE PARK, FL 32073			904-424-8017
Work Address	Employer, Street, City, State, Zip			Work Phone
	SELF EMPLOYED,			904-424-8017

**Incident**

Date Incident Occurred	08/22/2018	Time Incident Occurred	19:03	Location Incident Occurred	495 CLERMONT AV S ORANGE PARK, FL32073
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**Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint**

James Lloys advised D/S Z. Cox #6974 came to his house when he did not call and was "minding his own buisness."  
904-424-8017

From IA-

From call history of D/S Cox:

D/S Cox made contact with James Lloyd while investigating an obscene/threat call for service, that J. Lloyd was the suspect. D/S Cox documented the following in call notes from the incident in reference to his interaction with J. Lloyd:

s22 over s49 payments. comp was advised of the injunction process and not to respond to the male subject via px. comp was advised to document any texts or calls the male makes to her for injunction documentation purposes. I responded to 495 Clermont S where the male subject lives. The male subject was extremely s2 and told me to get the "fuck" off his property. The male was advised to cease in sending the comp texts over s49 payments.

**Officer(s) Involved**

Code	Officer Name	Code #	Assignment	Date Empl.	Race	Sex	DOB
IE	COX, ZACHARY J	06974	OPERSW3ROPS	01/28/2014	W	M	119.071(4)(d)2.a

**Supervisor****Supervisor's Action Towards Resolution of the Complaint**

Not a valid complaint.

**SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Informal Complaints ☐ Complainant SATISFIED with resolution offered by the supervisor and NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.

Formal Complaints ☐ Additional investigation required (Recommendation):

None.

If the officer is charged with a violation of Rules & Regulations or Policy & Procedures as a result of this complaint, will the complainant attend an Administrative Hearing to testify?

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's Name: CLARK, JEREMY PAUL Code #: 06223

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Date PD-82 Received in Internal Affairs Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**Informal Complaint**

Date Place in Preliminary File: \_\_\_\_\_ File Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Formal Complaint**

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Type of Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Services ☐ Internal Affairs Unit

## Citizen Complaint Tracking Tracking

Time	Action	Description	Officer	Time Spent (Mins)
08/25/2018 19:13	UNFOUNDED	UNFOUNDED. (Review Status was changed to UNF)	CLARK, J. P.	0.00
Total Time Spent in Minutes:				0.00

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL**CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM** #90

Date Complaint Received	09/13/2018	Time	12:00	Hours
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Complaint Received	TELEPHONE	Type of Complaint	PATROL RED	Nature of Complaint (check one)	INFORMATIONAL
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**Complainant**

Name & Personal Data	Name	Race	Sex	Date of Birth
	COWAN, LAZAR FRANKLIN	B	M	02/06/1986
Home Address	Street, City, State, Zip			Home Phone
	321 LINWOOD AVE, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32206			904-322-0369
Work Address	Employer, Street, City, State, Zip			Work Phone
	SUN COAST TRUCKING			- -

**Incident**

Date Incident Occurred	07/30/2018	Time Incident Occurred	23:01	Location Incident Occurred	2029 WELLS RD/CEDAR BEND DR ORANGE PARK, FL32073
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**Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint**

Lazar Cowan advised on 07/30/2018 he was arrested for possession of cannabis. L. Cowan advised he recently received a copy of the police report and has issues with the statements made by the Deputy.

L. Cowan advised the Deputy documented that he did not say that he had a nugget of cannabis in the vehicle. L. Cowan also stated he did not make any further statements to the Deputy after being read his Miranda Rights.

**Officer(s) Involved**

Code	Officer Name	Code #	Assignment	Date Empl.	Race	Sex	DOB
IE COX,	ZACHARY J	06974	OPERSW3ROPS	01/28/2014	W	M	119.071(4)(d)2.a

**Supervisor****Supervisor's Action Towards Resolution of the Complaint**

I made contact with L. Cowan. I asked L. Cowan where this incident was at in the court system. L. Cowan advised he plead and the case was closed. L. Cowan advised after reading the arrest paperwork, he is working with his attorney to have his plea changed.

I advised L. Cowan at this time the court system found validity to the facts of the case. I advised L. Cowan if the facts are argued and the Deputies statements are later found to be false, he could file a complaint at that time.

**SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Informal Complaints ☐ Complainant SATISFIED with resolution offered by the supervisor and NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.

Formal Complaints ☐ Additional investigation required (Recommendation):

If the officer is charged with a violation of Rules & Regulations or Policy & Procedures as a result of this complaint, will the complainant attend an Administrative Hearing to testify?

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 09/13/2018

Supervisor's Name: MAERTZ, KAMI LAUREN Code #: 06926

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Date PD-82 Received in Internal Affairs Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**Informal Complaint**

Date Place In Preliminary File: \_\_\_\_\_ File Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Formal Complaint**

Control Number Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Services ☐ Internal Affairs Unit

## Citizen Complaint Tracking Tracking

Time	Action	Description	Officer	Time Spent (Mins)
09/13/2018 12:45	EXONERATED	EXONERATED (Review Status was changed to EXON)	MAERTZ, K. L.	0.00
Total Time Spent in Minutes:				0.00



CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL**CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM** #243

Date Complaint Received	11/26/2018	Time	11:03	Hours
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Complaint Received	IN PERSON	Type of Complaint	PATROL BLUE	Nature of Complaint (check one)	RUDENESS / CONDUCT
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**Complainant**

Name & Personal Data	Name	Race	Sex	Date of Birth
	HAWKINS, ROBERT SCOTT	W	M	12/04/1950
Home Address	Street, City, State, Zip			Home Phone
	522 CEDAR CREEK RD, PALATKA, FL 32177			904-237-0782
Work Address	Employer, Street, City, State, Zip			Work Phone
	RETIRED,			- -

**Incident**

Date Incident Occurred	09/04/2018	Time Incident Occurred	23:00	Location Incident Occurred	6043 HIGHWAY 17 S GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL32043
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**Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint**

Complainant: Robert Hawkins

Complaint: Mr. Hawkins wanted to talk to the Sheriff because he was not satisfied with the way his case was handled. He was a victim of an aggravated battery which occurred on 9/4/18 (2018022259). He also wanted to talk about Sergeant Cox being rude to him and taking his firearm away from him on his own property.

Internal Affairs Follow Up - Sergeant Molina: On 11/26/2018 at 1103 hours, I met with Mr. Hawkins and his wife in the lobby. We relocated to my office and he advised the following.

He was a victim of an aggravated battery which occurred on 9/4/18 (2018022259). He was not satisfied with the way his case was handled and attempted to contact the Sheriff on 11/19/18. He was told by the staff assistant a Watch Commander would contact him to discuss his concerns. After not hearing from a Watch Commander for several days he called the Sheriff's Office dispatch on 11/22/18 between 1700-1800 hrs. He admitted he advised dispatch he was done talking to D/S Crider and he did not want to talk to SGT Cox then he hung up the phone out of frustration.

He went about his day and did not expect anyone to show up at his residence. He was in the yard with his .45 cal handgun in his waistband trying to kill a possum on his property when he heard a vehicle pass by his residence then turn back around. He saw headlights coming up his driveway so he went out to see who was on his property. When the vehicle got closer he noticed it was a Sheriff's Office truck and Sergeant Cox along with another deputy exited the vehicle. Sergeant Cox walked directly up to him and stood in his face stating "I'm Sergeant Cox!" He also continued to correct him when he called him officer stating "Don't call me officer, it's Sergeant Cox." As Sergeant Cox was speaking to him Mr. Hawkins admitted to cursing at Sergeant Cox because he was upset how he was being treated in his own yard. He then began to reach for his cell phone and Sergeant Cox saw his .45 cal handgun in his waistband. Without saying a word to him Sergeant Cox reached down and snatched his handgun from his waistband. He then kept the handgun from him and placed him in handcuffs stating Mr. Hawkins threatened him. Mr. Hawkins claimed to never threaten Sergeant Cox and was upset because Sergeant Cox

## **Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint**

could have accidentally shot him with the gun by the manner he snatched it from his waistband. He felt his firearm should have never been taken away from him because he was on his own property as well as he has a concealed weapons license. He said at that point Sergeant Cox and the deputy attempted to wake up his wife; however, they had to call her on the phone to do so. The phone log showed it was right at midnight.

Sergeant Cox told her on the phone "We have your husband out here in handcuffs" and told her he needed to speak with her. When she came out he told her "This could have turned out bad, your husband could have been dead" He then hand her take possession of the handgun and told her not to allow Mr. Hawkins access to it for the remainder of the night. They released Mr. Hawkins from handcuffs and left; however, this caused a major disturbance between her and Mr. Hawkins due him wanting his handgun back.

Mr and Mrs. Hawkins complaint was SGT Cox was very rude and demeaning during their encounter and he could have accidentally shot him when he snatched his handgun from his waistband. Mr. Hawkins felt he was on his own property and has every right to carry his handgun and not have it taken away from him for no reason. He acknowledge that he had a couple of drinks that evening but stated he was not drunk and did not threaten anyone. They also requested their case be reviewed to determine if there is anything else that could be done.

Dispatch Call Search - The call search conducted through dispatch revealed Mr. Hawkins actually called the Sheriff's Office 6 times from two separate numbers. The times of the calls range from 2207 hours through 2228 hours contrary to the time Mr. Hawkins provided. Only four of the calls actually connected. Those four recordings were attached to this complaint.

Call History Search - Revealed Sgt Cox and Deputy Bahsen responded to Mr. Hawkins residence at 2346 hours on 11/22/18. They cleared the call at 00:29 hours on 11/23/18.

### **Call Notes -**

"REF 2018-022259: I SPOKE TO ROBERT HAWKINS WHO IS THE VICTIM IN THIS CASE. ROBERT WAS ADVISED AT THIS TIME THERE IS STILL NO PC REGARDING THIS CASE. ROBERT WAS VERY IRATE AND KEPT SCREAMING AND CUSSING ON THE PHONE WHILE I WAS ATTEMPTING TO EXPLAIN WHY NO PC EXISTS. D/S CRIDER CONTACTED ROBERT EARLIER IN THE SHIFT AND ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN THIS AS WELL, HOWEVER ROBERT HUNG UP THE PHONE ON HIM. ROBERT APPEARED TO BE EXTREMELY S2 DURING OUR CONVERSATION. ROBERT DID NOT HAVE A COMPLAINT, HE WAS JUST UNHAPPY AN ARREST WASN'T MADE. AS ROBERT CONTINUED TO YELL AND CUSSING AT ME AS TO WHY WE DIDN'T MAKE AN ARREST REGARDING THIS CASE, HE ENDED UP HANGING UP THE PHONE ON ME. [11/22/2018 22:52:51 Unit:735]

10-51 to his residence to speak in person. 4302 t12 [11/22/18 23:28:36 Unit:735]

Robert was extremely s2 upon my arrival. The outcome of this case was explained to him and his wife, who was sober. [11/23/18 00:28:54 Unit:735]"

Mr. Hawkins was informed Sergeant Cox's supervisor, Lieutenant Vore, would be contacting him to discuss his concerns further in order to complete a supervisors inquiry.

**Officer(s) Involved**

Code	Officer Name	Code #	Assignment	Date Empl.	Race	Sex	DOB
IE	COX, ZACHARY J	06974	OPERSW3ROPS	01/28/2014	W	M	119.071(4)(d)2.a
IO	BAHNSEN, ANDREW R	07862	OPERPATOPN	10/04/2016	W	M	

**Supervisor****Supervisor's Action Towards Resolution of the Complaint**

11/30/18, 2100 hours: I made contact with Mr. Hawkins and listened to his account of events. He was primarily upset that an arrest wasn't made. I explained the reasons why and he seemed to understand that. He then talked about being disarmed by Sgt. Cox. He stated he went for his cellphone which exposed his 45 handgun he had tucked in his waistband. He said Sgt. Cox snatched it from his waist and scolded him for his actions.

Sgt. Cox stated that he went to the complainant's residence at the complainant's request because he wanted to talk in person. Upon arrival, he met the subject in the yard. The complainant lifted his shirt and Sgt. Cox saw the handgun. The complainant slowly moved his hand toward the gun and Sgt. Cox quickly grabbed it before he could reach it, and then made the weapon safe. Sgt. Cox stated the subject was extremely intoxicated.

As I was speaking to the complainant, he sounded somewhat intoxicated, but seemed to understand what I was saying. He also was apologetic and thanked me and the Sheriff's Office for listening to his concerns. He requested information on the victim advocate and victim services, to which I provided him these resources to his email at roberthawkins1850@icloud.com

Mr. Hawkins and I spoke at great length, but in the end there was no violation or misconduct committed by Sgt. Cox. His account of these events was corroborated by DS Bahnsen who was also on scene. Sgt. Cox's actions were within policy and he acted appropriately given the context of the situation.

Mr. Hawkins thanked me and the Clay County Sheriff's Office again, and we ended our discussion after about a 35 minute conversation.

**SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Informal Complaints ☒ Complainant SATISFIED with resolution offered by the supervisor and NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.

Formal Complaints ☐ Additional investigation required (Recommendation):

If the officer is charged with a violation of Rules & Regulations or Policy & Procedures as a result of this complaint, will the complainant attend an Administrative Hearing to testify?

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 11/27/2018

Supervisor's Name: VORE, NATHAN DANIEL Code #: 06564

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Date PD-82 Received in Internal Affairs Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

### Informal Complaint

Date Place in Preliminary File: \_\_\_\_\_ File Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

### Formal Complaint

Control Number Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Services ☐ Internal Affairs Unit

## Citizen Complaint Tracking Tracking

Time	Action	Description	Officer	Time Spent (Mins)
11/30/2018 22:51	EXONERATED	EXONERATED (Review Status was changed to EXON)	VORE, N. D.	45.00
Total Time Spent in Minutes:				45.00

**CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL

**CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM** #363

Date Complaint Received	06/20/2019	Time	14:36	Hours
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Complaint Received	EMAIL	Type of Complaint	PATROL BLUE	Nature of Complaint (check one)	POLICY VIOLATION
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**Complainant**

Name & Personal Data	Name	Race	Sex	Date of Birth
	MCGUIGAN, TOBI LYNN	W	F	09/30/1974
Home Address	Street, City, State, Zip			Home Phone
	3266 HIDDEN MEADOWS CT, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043			904-264-5529
Work Address	Employer, Street, City, State, Zip			Work Phone
	SELF,			904-449-1933

**Incident**

Date Incident Occurred	06/15/2019	Time Incident Occurred	12:27	Location Incident Occurred	6005 WEST SHORES RD FLEMING ISLAND, FL32003
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**Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint**

Complainant: Tobi McGuigan

Complaint: Sergeant Z. Cox #6874 and Deputy C. Mitchell #8131 "grossly mishandled" an incident involving her 15-year old son.

Internal Affairs Follow Up - Det. D. Matos:

On 6/20/2019 at 1436 hours, the Internal Affairs Unit received an online complaint form submission from Ms. McGuigan. The content of the complaint form was copied below:

-----Incident or Event Information-----

What Happened?: A circumstance involving my minor child was grossly mishandled by Officer Mitchell and Sergeant Cox

Location of Incident: 6005 West Shores Road, Fleming Island, FL 32003

Date of Incident: 6-15-2019

Time: 12:27am

Explanation of Event: While in California on Friday June 14th of 2019 I received a text from my son John McGuigan (15) at approximately 10:30 pm following hours of being verbally abused by my former Husband Mark McGuigan. I spoke with my Former Husband we agreed that a friend of mine whom we both know well would pick John up at his home. Shortly thereafter I received a phone call from this same family friend stating that a Sergeant Cox was at my home telling my son that he needed to return to his father's house. I spoke with Sergeant Cox and I explained that John had permission to stay with Andrea (an adult and friend of the family) until I returned home. I pleaded with Sergeant Cox to please not return him to his father

### **Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint**

because his father has a history of violence and I was afraid for his safety. Sergeant Cox told him that "dad was dad" and he was here in the state so I had no rights until I returned to Florida. I asked again to please look into his background and protect my child. I asked if I could reach another family member to come get him and I was told that he was tired of going round and round with me and John was going to be taken back to his fathers house.

As I was flying home, my son texted that his dad dropped him off (with no adults around) at my home. John informed me that neither Sergeant Cox nor Officer Mitchell ever asked him why he left with Andrea or what had happened. Instead, Sergeant Cox told my son that he had to go back to his father's home and if he did not go or if he tried to run away, the action would be on his permanent record and directly impact his ability to get into college and gain future employment. So, my son who has been taught to respect police officers and never to question authority, did as he was told and went back to his dad's house with him. He did ask the Sergeant if he could choose to be with his mother when she was back in state and Sergeant Cox told him he had no choices until he was 18 years old. He left my child feeling helpless and hopeless.

Had the officers bothered ask that one simple question, "Why did you feel compelled to leave your father's house?", they would have learned that first, his father let him leave and be picked up right from the front of his home. Then if the officers would have bothered to ask that other simple question "What happened that made you want to leave?", they would have learned that he was terrified that his father was going to hurt him. Moreover there was another minor child involved that was not questioned either. The only individual that was given the opportunity to explain what happened was my former Husband. For hours that evening my son was screamed at, called names, told he didn't deserve dinner and ordered to his room only to have a plate of food thrown at him later.

My son should never had to experience the amount of terror he felt that night being forced back into the house of a man that was emotionally abusing him. DCF should have been called and would have been called if just one of those questions had been asked. I am incredibly disappointed and I don't understand how an officer sworn to protect could do this to a child.

#### **-----CCSO Employee Info-----**

**Employee Name: Sergeant Cox**

**Sex: Male**

**In Uniform: Yes**

#### **-----Your Contact Information (Complainant)-----**

**First Name: Tobi**

**Last Name: McGuigan**

**Street Address: 6005 West Shores Road**

**City: Fleming Island**

**State: FL**

**Zip Code: 32003**

**Cell Phone: 904-449-1922**

**The online submission form was attached to this complaint module.**

**Officer(s) Involved**

Code	Officer Name	Code #	Assignment	Date Empl.	Race	Sex	DOB
IE COX, ZACHARY J		06974	OPERSW3ROPS	01/28/2014	W	M	119.071(4)(d)2.a
IE MITCHELL, CALEB J		08131	OPERSUPP	10/23/2018	W	M	

**Supervisor****Supervisor's Action Towards Resolution of the Complaint**

Made contact with complainant on 7/14/19. Spoke with her by px and explained deputies actions and why decisions were made the way they were. I offered to have myself and Sgt. Cox to come speak with her son personally so that he knows he can trust us and call on us whenever he needs to.

Sgt. Cox and I then met the complainant and her son at 6005 West Shores and had a healthy discussion about life, law enforcement, and being a teenager. At the end, everyone was sadder and wiser, and the complainant thanked us for our kind words of encouragement and for mending the fence with her son.

No further action required. No wrong doing on the part of Mitchell or Sgt. Cox.

**SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION**

Informal Complaints ☒ Complainant SATISFIED with resolution offered by the supervisor and NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.

Formal Complaints ☐ Additional investigation required (Recommendation):

If the officer is charged with a violation of Rules & Regulations or Policy & Procedures as a result of this complaint, will the complainant attend an Administrative Hearing to testify?

Supervisor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 06/21/2019

Supervisor's Name: VORE, NATHAN DANIEL Code #: 06564

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Date PD-82 Received in Internal Affairs Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**Informal Complaint**

Date Placed in Preliminary File: \_\_\_\_\_ File Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Formal Complaint**

Control Number Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigated By: \_\_\_\_\_ Services ☐ Internal Affairs Unit



## Citizen Complaint Tracking Tracking

Time	Action	Description	Officer	Time Spent (Mins)
07/14/2019 22:18	EXONERATED	EXONERATED (Review Status was changed to EXON)	VORE, N. D.	0.00
Total Time Spent in Minutes:				0.00

**CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL**CITIZEN COMPLAINT FORM** #745

Date Complaint Received	03/01/2021	Time	08:00	Hours
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Complaint Received	IN HOUSE	Type of Complaint	INVESTIGATION	Nature of Complaint (check one)	POLICY VIOLATION
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**Complainant**

Name & Personal Data	Name	Race	Sex	Date of Birth
	CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE			
Home Address	Street, City, State, Zip			Home Phone
	901 N ORANGE AV, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043			- -
Work Address	Employer, Street, City, State, Zip			Work Phone
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**Incident**

Date Incident Occurred	01/19/2021	Time Incident Occurred	10:40	Location Incident Occurred	2349 OPEN BREEZE CT GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL32043
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**Narrative of the Circumstances Surrounding the Complaint**

Detectives J.Johnson and A. Spearman arrested the wrong subject for a pair of burglary cases assigned to them.

Affected Case #s: 2021-001686 and 2021-002047

## Officer(s) Involved

Code	Officer Name	Code #	Assignment	Date Empl.	Race	Sex	DOB
IE	JOHNSON, JEREMIAH T	07971	INVNARCSOPS	08/08/2017	W	M	119.071(4)(d)2.a
IE	SPEARMAN, ADAM T	07143	OPEROPI	09/20/2011	W	M	
IE	COX, ZACHARY J	06974	OPERSW3ROPS	01/28/2014	W	M	
IO	VEREEN, DAVID M	07725	INVINV	01/05/2016	W	M	

## Supervisor

### Supervisor's Action Towards Resolution of the Complaint

3/1/21, 0900 hours: I opened up a supervisory inquiry into the erroneous arrest conducted by Detectives J. Johnson and A. Spearman, as well as Sgt. Z. Cox who supervised the arrest and approved the booking sheets. This is in violation SOP 3000.32, Section IV, A, 3 (Arrest Authority & Procedure) and GO 2000.08, Section III, B, g (Supervisor Responsibilities).

At the crux of the matter was an individual who was falsely identified and arrested for an armed burglary in the Asbury Plantation neighborhood. The subject was identified by the suspect in an unrelated case worked by Detective Vereen. The suspect, Jaydan Tillman, told Detective Vereen that the subject in the surveillance video was "Aiden" because Aiden is friends with his brother, Jacob. Aiden was subsequently arrested for an unrelated robbery case and was brought to the Orange Park Substation for an interview. However, he invoked his right to counsel and could not be interviewed. He was wearing white "Crocs" which is the same footwear the subject wore in the surveillance video. The following are the details from the interviews with the involved detectives. It should be noted all interviews were conducted in the GIU Lieutenant's office at the Orange Park Substation:

3/3/21, 0830hours: I interviewed Detective Vereen in my office. Detective Vereen explained the following: He was conducting a robbery investigation and was interviewing the suspect in the case. Detective Johnson asked Detective Vereen to show him the video from the burglary he was investigating, on the off-chance the suspect might know who it is (since Vereen's suspect was local to the Green Cove/Lake Asbury area). The suspect (Jaydan) stated that was "Aiden" and he knew Aiden because he was friends with his brother, Jacob. Detective Vereen had conducted a digital download of Jacob's phone. It contained thousands of texts and dozens of various text trees. There was a text from an Aiden asking if he thought the police would recognize him in the surveillance video. Detective Vereen provided Detective Johnson with snippets of the texts for his investigation. However, Detective Johnson never took all of the raw data to examine. It was later discovered there was a second "Aiden" in the text trees, both with different numbers and different last names. Detective Vereen had no other discussions with Det. Johnson or Spearman until February 19th (the day of arrest).

3/3/21, 1345 hours: I conducted an interview of Detective Spearman. Detective Spearman stated he openly questioned some of the data they received from Detective Vereen. In particular, he asked why the text tree purportedly belonging to Aiden read Ayden Reedy. He asked both Detective Johnson and Vereen if the phone numbers were verified and he was told they were. However, he did not verify the phone number in the text tree actually belonged to Aiden. He also did not verify the video of the suspect with another friend or family member to confirm if it was Aiden. He stated he and Detective Johnson never retrieved the cell phone data download. He also never coordinated anything with Detective Vereen and that was done solely by Detective Johnson. Detective Spearman wasn't aware they were arresting Aiden until the morning of February 17th when "JJ" (Det. Johnson) called him and told him they "needed to drop booking sheets." This concluded Det. Spearman's interview.

3/3/21, 1415 hours: I conducted an interview with Detective J. Johnson. Detective Johnson explained that Detective Vereen had conducted a data download of Jaydan's brother's cell phone (Jacob). He said that Vereen told him he identified "Aiden" in the video. Detective Johnson did not review the recorded interview nor did he verify the cell phone number in the texts. He and Detective Spearman conducted the arrest on that Friday afternoon, 2/19/21, and sometime between then and Monday morning, 2/22/21, he received an email from Aiden's attorney suggesting that they "had the wrong Aiden". Detective Johnson then got back with Detective Vereen and reviewed the interview with Jaydan, and reviewed the texts between Jacob and "Aiden" and discovered that the suspect, Jaydan, misidentified Aiden with Ayden Reedy. Detective Johnson was then able to verify the cell phone number in the texts did in fact belong to Ayden Reedy. He and Detective Spearman immediately made contact with the Clerk of Courts and the SAO to have all burglary charges removed. They did not have to remove him from jail because he was still being held for the robbery charge worked by Detective Vereen.

3/3/21, 1440 hours: I interviewed Sergeant Cox. He reflected what Detective Johnson explained: Jaydan picked out Aiden in the video. After the fact (when they suspected they arrested the wrong subject), he went back and reviewed the recording

and learned that Jaydan never said but only "Aiden". He said that Jaydan was never a co-defendant in this case which made his identification more solid for their probable cause. Jaydan's brother, Jacob, was already in DDC for a robbery he committed with Aiden and Jaydan was never considered a suspect in any of their cases. When Sgt. Cox reviewed the booking sheets from Detectives Spearman and Johnson, he assumed their information was valid and verified. However, he did not ask them if they had a second source for identification or if they confirmed and verified if the phone number in the texts did belong to Aiden

**Conclusion:** Detective Johnson and Spearman based their identification of their suspect, Aiden on the statement of Jaydan Tillman, who was not a suspect in any of their cases. They came by this information via Detective Vereen. Detective Vereen had placed Aiden in custody on 2/19/21 for an unrelated robbery charge. Detective Johnson and Spearman added booking sheets to Aiden while he was at the Orange Park Substation. Aiden did match the description of their suspect, and was wearing white "crops" similar to the suspect in their surveillance video. However, neither detective confirmed his identity with another source (family or friend) nor did they verify subscriber information to the cell phone number in question. Additionally, Sgt. Cox was the oversight that was needed in this situation and he was not able to provide it. It was discovered on the 2/22/21 that they should have arrested Ayden Reedy and not Aiden. After taking the investigative steps they should have taken initially, they were able to identify the correct suspect. All charges and documents related to Aiden had been removed by the SAO and Clerk of Courts (never made it to First Appearance), and Ayden Reedy was apprehended and later gave a full confession to the involved burglaries.

**Complaint on Detective Spearman and Johnson: Sustained**  
**Violation: SOP 3000.32, Section IV, A, 3 (Arrest Authority & Procedure)**  
**Recommendation: Written Reprimand Level I**

**Complaint on Sgt. Cox: Sustained**  
**Violation: GO 2000.08, Section III, B, g (Supervisor Responsibilities)**  
**Recommendation: Written Reprimand Level I**

## SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION

**Informal Complaints** ☐ Complainant SATISFIED with resolution offered by the supervisor and NO FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.

**Formal Complaints** ☒ Additional investigation required (Recommendation):

**Written Reprimand Level I for all 3 involved**

If the officer is charged with a violation of Rules & Regulations or Policy & Procedures as a result of this complaint, will the complainant attend an Administrative Hearing to testify?

**Supervisor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 03/04/2021

**Supervisor's Name:** VORE, NATHAN DANIEL **Code #:** 06564

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**Date PD-82 Received in Internal Affairs Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Informal Complaint

**Date Placed in Preliminary File:** \_\_\_\_\_ **File Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Formal Complaint

**Control Number Assigned:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Assigned:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Complaint:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Investigated By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Services** ☐ **Internal Affairs Unit**

## Citizen Complaint Tracking Tracking

Time	Action	Description	Officer	Time Spent (Mins)
03/30/2021 15:06	SUSTAINED	SUSTAINED (Review Status was changed to SUST)	VORE, N. D.	0.00
Total Time Spent in Minutes:				0.00