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Response to Resistance EVT-00001259-1

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Primary Officer: Williams, Cynthia (2703)

Overview

Event Information

Reporting

A RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE REPORT WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE SUPERVISOR FOR (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- A response through the use of non-lethal weapons
- Applies weaponless physical force of strikes, kicks, or "take-downs"
- Discharge of firearm in the line of duty, off-duty or on-duty (other than for training, maintenance or ballistics testing)
- When any person complains of injury as a result of the application of force
- When any person sustains an apparent substantial or fatal injury as a result of the application of force

Event Details

INCIDENT ID 01260000457	DATE 01/29/2026	TIME 14:24
LOCATION 601 Whitehead St, Key West, Monroe County, FL, 33040, USA		
INCIDENT TYPE S36 - Battery		
OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED? Y - Yes		

Other Agencies Involved

OTHER AGENCY NAME Florida Fish & Wildlife	OTHER AGENCY NAME State Attorney's Office
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Persons

Unknown Person

Person Role

ROLE Subject

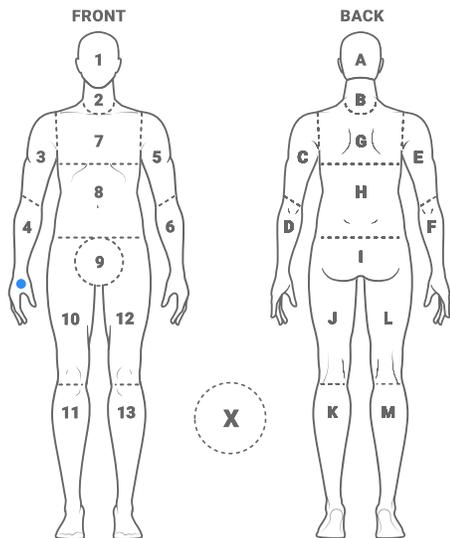
Person Details

LAST NAME Hyland	FIRST NAME Scott	DOB 01/02/1985	SEX M
RACE W	ETHNICITY Not Hispanic or Latino		
CLOTHING TYPE Layered Clothing			

Response to Resistance Circumstances

Officers (continued)

Howell, William (4059) (continued)



Injury Location

BODY REGION Right Front Forearm	DETAILED LOCATION Right Hand
INJURY DETAILS Swelling/Contusion	

Fasulo, Danielle (4565)

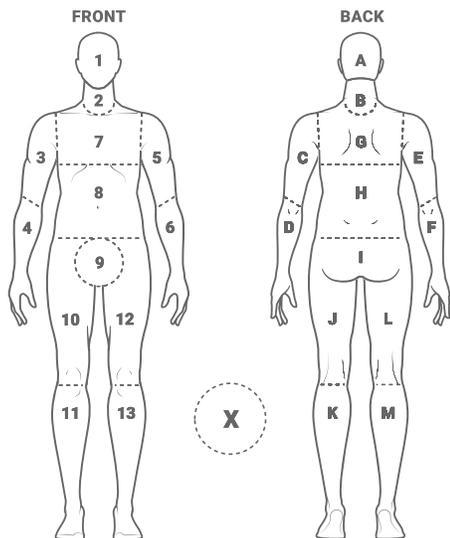
Officer Details

ROLE Witness	OFFICER / EMPLOYEE Fasulo, Danielle (4565)	POSITION Officer	DIVISION Day Patrol Division
PATROL SHIFT Alpha Day Shift	EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE 0		
UNIFORMED OR PLAIN CLOTHES Uniformed	EMPLOYEE WAS ON DUTY On Duty		

EMPLOYEE RACE White	EMPLOYEE ETHNICITY Not Hispanic or Latino	EMPLOYEE SEX Female
EMPLOYEE AGE 33	EMPLOYEE HEIGHT 5' 6"	EMPLOYEE WEIGHT 135
INJURIES No		
BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) ACTIVATED DURING INCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		

Officers (continued)

Fasulo, Danielle (4565) (continued)



Johnson, Matthew (3273)

Officer Details

ROLE Witness	OFFICER / EMPLOYEE Johnson, Matthew (3273)	POSITION Officer	DIVISION Day Patrol Division
PATROL SHIFT Alpha Day Shift		EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE 18	
UNIFORMED OR PLAIN CLOTHES Uniformed		EMPLOYEE WAS ON DUTY On Duty	

EMPLOYEE RACE White	EMPLOYEE ETHNICITY Not Hispanic or Latino	EMPLOYEE SEX Male
EMPLOYEE AGE 38	EMPLOYEE HEIGHT 5' 7"	EMPLOYEE WEIGHT 170

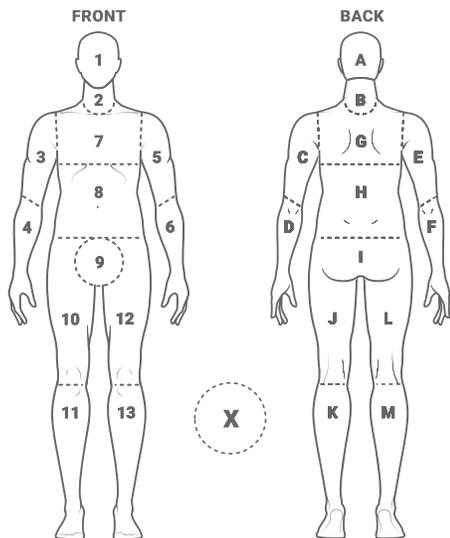
INJURIES No	
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BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) ACTIVATED DURING INCIDENT

No Yes

Officers (continued)

Johnson, Matthew (3273) (continued)



Response Action

Response Action

FORCE USED AGAINST P - Person
PERSON FORCE USED AGAINST Unknown Person
RESISTANCE LEVEL <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aggressive <input type="checkbox"/> Deadly Force <input type="checkbox"/> Passive
EXPLANATION OF RESISTANCE LEVEL Officer Howell reported that while attempting to control and arrest the subject (Scott Hyland), Scott Hyland bit him (Ofc. Howell) on the right hand.

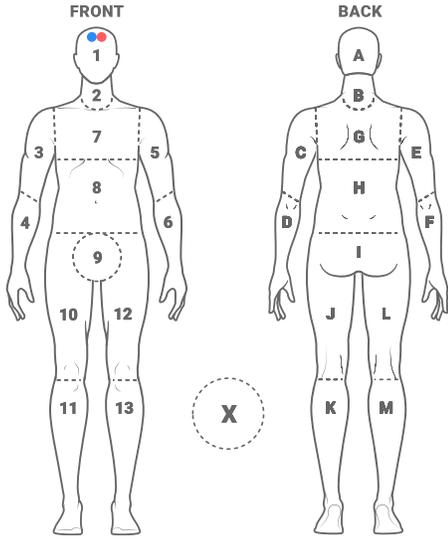
Force

Force

INVOLVED OFFICER Howell, William (4059)	FORCE TYPE Hands-On - Strikes/Kicks
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS 1	

Response Action (continued)

Response Action



Force Location

BODY REGION Face	DETAILED LOCATION Forehead
NUMBER OF IMPACTS 1	INJURY SUSTAINED FROM DIRECT FORCE Evident
TREATED Yes	TREATED BY Hospital
INJURY DETAILS Unable to confirm source of injury	PHOTOGRAPHED Yes

Related Injuries

Investigation

Investigation Details

Report Information

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT AND/OR WARRANT AFFIDAVIT MUST INCLUDE

- All details of the arrest
- All necessary criminal elements
- Detailed description of injury complaints and/or observed injuries
- Details articulating the subject's words, mannerisms and actions that justify the Response to Resistance
- Details outlining the Response to Resistance utilized by each officer
- Details outlining the decontamination, first aid or medical treatment provided to the officer and/or subject

Narrative

Investigation (continued)

Investigation Details

NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT

*Original narrative (from the primary case officer, Ofc. Johnson):

"I located and met with witness William Gotterer. William Gotterer stated that a vehicle (Black Buick GA tag # CMA5602 driven by Scott Hyland) made a left hand turn from Southard St onto Whithead St. traveling at a high rate of speed. William Goterer stated that the driver hit a Gray Toyota (FL # 75DVTX) causing it to spin around. The drier then struck a parked Black GMC (MD # JCS2579. William Goterer stated that the tired on the black Buick were still spinning after it struck the GMC. William Gotterer stated that the driver (Scott Hyland) then got out of the car and charged pedestrians on the sidewalk and began to physically fight with them.

I located and met with witness Christopher Bunting. Christopher Bunting stated that a black Buick was traveling at a high rate of speed and made a left hand turn from Southard St on to Whitehead St. Christopher Bunting stated that the black Buick struck a gray Toyota and then a black GMC. Christopher Bunting stated that the driver exited the vehicle and began to fight with pedestrians on the sidewalk.

I located and met with one of the pedestrians that was attacked by Scott Hyland and identified him as Sean Regan. Sean Regan stated that a black Buick was traveling at a high rate of speed and made a left hand turn from Southard St on to whitehead St. Sean Regan stated that the Buick struck a gray Toyota and a then a black GMC. Sean Regan stated that the driver (Scott Hyland) exited the vehicle. Sean Regan asked the driver if he was ok and the driver charged him. Sean Regan stated that the driver struck him in the head with his forearm. Sean Regan did not want to press charges for the battery.

I met with the manager of the green parrot Dani Fossum. Dani Fossum stated that the green parrot security cameras captured video of the incident. I reviewed the security footage. The video shows the black Buick turn left from Southard St to Whithead St at a high rate of speed. The video shows the Buick crash into the gray Toyota causing the Toyota to spin around. The Buick then goes off screen. Several seconds later a white male (Scott Hyland) can be seen sprinting across the road and attacks Sean Regan who was standing on the sidewalk. Sean Regan appears to be hit and escapes. The video shows the white male (Scott Hyland) proceed to attack another unidentified man. The unidentified man takes Scott Hyland to the ground. A group of people hold Scott Hyland on the ground until police take over. The video shows Ofc. Howell and Fasula restrain Scott Hyland until he is removed from the scene. I sent Dani Fossum an Axon Community upload request to have the videos uploaded into evidence.com. I used my BWC to Record the video from the screen.

It was later reported that the black Buick driven by Scott Hyland was involved in another hit and run crashes. Officer Young completed crash reports and criminal citations for the crashes. See Ofc Young's crash reports. Case #26-459 and Case #26-460

I contacted Officer Howell. Officer Howell stated that Scott Hyland continued to resist while enroute to the hospital. Officer Howell stated that Scott Hyland tried to slip out of his handcuffs while enroute to the hospital. Officer Howell stated that he was bitten on the right hand and had a bite mark on the hand. See Officer Howell's Supplemental report.

Charges:

1 Count: Disorderly conduct FSS 877.03 Misdemeanor.

The defendant, Scott Hyland, engaged in brawling and fighting as an act of disorderly conduct.

1 Count: Battery on a law enforcement officer FSS 784.07 2b Felony

The defendant, Scott Hyland, did intentionally touch or strike Officer Howell by Biting him while resisting arrest. The battery was against Ofc Howell's will. Officer Howell was wearing full Key West police uniform and engaged in lawful law enforcement duties.

Investigation (continued)

Investigation Details

1 Count: Resisting arrest with violence. FSS 843.01 (1) Resisting, obstructing, or opposing, by offering or doing violence to a legal authorized person. Felony

The defendant, Scott Hyland, knowingly and willfully resisted a Police Officer in Full Key West Police uniform while in the lawful execution of a legal duty by offering violence to the officer in the form of biting him."

*Supplement report from Ofc. Howell:

"On Thursday, 01/29/2026, at approximately 1424 hours, Probationary Ofc. Fasulo and I (Ofc. Howell) I were dispatched to Whitehead Street and Southern Street in reference to a traffic crash with injuries.

As we arrived, I observed a group of at least five or six passersby subduing and holding down an irate white male subject within the street, directly in front of 601 Whitehead Street (Green Parrot). The male appeared to be bleeding from his lips. As Ofc. Fasulo and I attempted to place the subject in handcuffs he continuously refused to comply with verbal commands and continued to tense up and pull away.

The male subject then bit my right hand, on the first two knuckles, biting through my glove. Due to the subject's actions, continuous aggression, and level of resistance rising; I reacted immediately and struck the male subject on the right side of the head. At the point, at least two Florida Fish and Wildlife Officers (FWC) arrived to the scene and maintained control of the male subject's legs as he tried to kick and thrash his legs about. With the help of Chief Investigator Frank Zamora (Assistant State Attorney's Office), Ofc. Fasulo was eventually able to place a handcuff on the male subject's left wrist. I provided a second pair of handcuffs provided to Probationary Ofc. Fasulo and she was able to gain control of the male subject's right wrist. At this time, we were able to secure both wrists behind the subject's back. As I was handcuffing the male he continued to act belligerent and yelled nonsensical statements, continuously attempting to tense up and pull away.

Shortly afterward, Key West Fire/Rescue arrived to the scene and the male subject was placed on a stretcher. While Key West Fire/Rescue attempting to provide medical care to the male subject in the ambulance the male had to be physically restrained and eventually was chemically sedated due to his extremely aggressive behavior. The subject attempted to bite at least one of the EMT's and also attempted to bite me again. Due to the subject's extremely combative behavior, I rode with Key West Fire/Rescue, inside the ambulance as the subject was transported to Lower Keys Medical Center Emergency Room.

At Lower Keys Medical Center Emergency Room, the male was eventually identified as Scott W. Hyland (DOB: 01/02/2026) by his Florida driver's license. At this point we were able to finally search his person and his belongings. At one point, Hyland ripped out the intubation tube and attempted to get up from the stretcher, after being chemically sedated. Hyland had to be physically restrained and chemically sedated at least three times due to his aggressive behavior and continuous resistance.

At this time, nothing further."

Information added by Sgt. C. Williams to meet the 6/6 requirements for this RRI Narrative:

Due to the medical care the subject (Scott Hyland) was receiving, I was not able to gather Scott's statements regarding the Officer's Response to Resistance. I observed injuries to Scott's face/head and his hands. I was not able to determine the source(s) of Scott's injuries since he was involved in both multiple car crashes prior to the officers' contact with him, and involved in a fight with civilians which resulted in Scott being taken to the ground and restrained by multiple people prior to officers' contact with him.

I observed Ofc. Howell had redness and possible swelling to the top of his right hand (knuckle area). Officer Howell reported sustaining an injury from Scott's bite. Officer Howell received care and treatment at the hospital.

Investigation (continued)

Investigation Details

Supervisor's Inquiry

NOTIFIED DATE 01/29/2026	NOTIFIED TIME 14:33
DID SUPERVISOR RESPOND TO THE SCENE Yes	DID SUPERVISOR WATCH ALL RELEVANT VIDEOS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESPONSE TO Yes
DID SUPERVISOR MEET WITH THE OFFICER(S)? Yes	
DURING SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW DID YOU FIND AN POTENTIAL POLICY VIOLATIONS OR TRAINING ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT? Yes	
LIST POTENTIAL POLICY VIOLATION(S) OR TRAINING ISSUE(S) Possible refresher training needed in the areas of strikes and handcuffing.	
WAS SUPERVISOR ABLE TO LOCATE ANY INDEPENDENT WITNESSES? No	

Supervisor Comments

SUPERVISOR Williams, Cynthia (2703)	RANK Sergeant	REVIEW DATE 02/02/2026
COMMENTS Review from the Professional Standards Division requested.		

Professional Standards Division

Reviewer

REVIEWER Dean, Jeffrey (3386)	RANK Lieutenant	REVIEW DATE 02/10/2026
COMMENTS As always, Professional Standards Reviews every single RRI. The RRI is then reviewed by the RRI Review Board. Upon review by both Professional Standards and the RRI Review Board, it was determined that the use of force was within policy and no violations occurred.		
DID THE REVIEW OF THIS INCIDENT CONCLUDE THAT THE RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE WAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENTAL POLICY? Yes		