



# KEY WEST POLICE DEPT.

1604 N. ROOSEVELT BLVD.  
Key West, FL, 33040  
(305) 809-1000

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Response to Resistance EVT-00001066-1

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Primary Officer: Waite, Kenneth (3646)

### 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<br>0125004869                            | DATE<br>09/27/2025 | TIME<br>22:38 |
| LOCATION<br>1801 N ROOSEVELT BLVD, KEY WEST FL 33040 |                    |               |
| INCIDENT TYPE<br>S4 - Traffic Crash - No Injuries    |                    |               |
| OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED?<br>N - No                   |                    |               |

### Persons

MYER, SAMUEL KEITH

##### Person Role

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| ROLE<br>Subject |
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##### Person Details

|                   |               |                      |                                  |                      |                                     |        |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| LAST NAME<br>MYER |               | FIRST NAME<br>SAMUEL |                                  | MIDDLE NAME<br>KEITH |                                     | SUFFIX |
| DOB<br>11/23/1999 |               | AGE<br>25            | SEX<br>M                         | RACE<br>W            | ETHNICITY<br>Not Hispanic or Latino |        |
| HEIGHT<br>5' 10"  | WEIGHT<br>180 |                      | CLOTHING TYPE<br>Loose / Hanging |                      |                                     |        |

##### Identifying Documents

###### Document

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|-----------------------------|
| ID TYPE<br>Driver's License |
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Persons (continued)

MYER, SAMUEL KEITH (continued)

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|-------------------------------|------------------|
| ISSUING STATE<br>Maryland     |                  |
| ID NUMBER<br>10272141349      |                  |
| EXPIRATION DATE<br>11/23/2028 | CLASS<br>CLASS E |
| RESTRICTIONS                  |                  |

Contact

Address

|                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|
| ADDRESS TYPE<br>H - Home                         |
| LOCATION<br>27124 PATRIOT DR, SALISBURY MD 21801 |

Phone Number

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| PHONE NUMBER TYPE<br>Home | PHONE NUMBER<br>(410) 726-4595 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|

E-Mail

Response to Resistance Circumstances

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| DID YOU OBSERVE THE SUBJECT?<br>Yes                                  |                                                 |                                         |
| APPEARED TO BE                                                       |                                                 |                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emotionally/Mentally disturbed              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intoxicated | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under the influence of controlled substance |                                                 |                                         |
| SUBJECT ARRESTED<br>Yes                                              |                                                 |                                         |

Officers

Vanderhoof, Corey (4356)

Officer Details

|                                         |                                                |                                 |                                   |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ROLE<br>Involved                        | OFFICER / EMPLOYEE<br>Vanderhoof, Corey (4356) | POSITION<br>Officer             | DIVISION<br>Night Patrol Division |
| PATROL SHIFT<br>Bravo Night Shift       |                                                | EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE<br>2  |                                   |
| UNIFORMED OR PLAIN CLOTHES<br>Uniformed |                                                | EMPLOYEE WAS ON DUTY<br>On Duty |                                   |

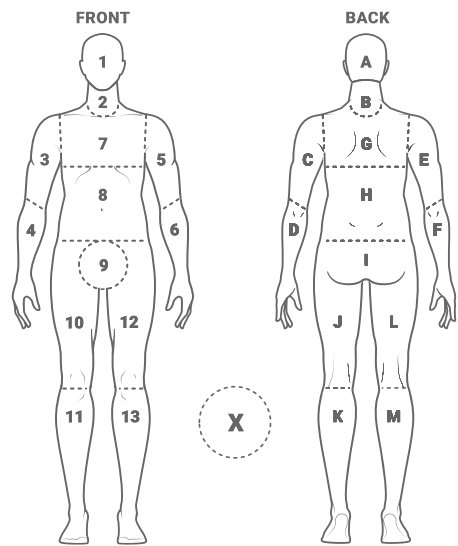
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|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| EMPLOYEE RACE<br>White | EMPLOYEE ETHNICITY<br>Not Hispanic or Latino | EMPLOYEE SEX<br>Male   |
| EMPLOYEE AGE<br>22     | EMPLOYEE HEIGHT<br>6' 0"                     | EMPLOYEE WEIGHT<br>205 |
| INJURIES<br>No         |                                              |                        |

Officers (continued)  
Vanderhoof, Corey (4356) (continued)

BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) ACTIVATED DURING INCIDENT

☒ No

☒ Yes



Response Action

Response Action

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| FORCE USED AGAINST<br>P - Person                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                     |                                       |
| PERSON FORCE USED AGAINST<br>MYER, SAMUEL KEITH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                     |                                       |
| RESISTANCE LEVEL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                     |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Active                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive | <input type="checkbox"/> Deadly Force |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Passive                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                     |                                       |
| EXPLANATION OF RESISTANCE LEVEL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                     |                                       |
| Myer was the driver of a vehicle involved in a traffic crash. Officers believed Myer was under the influence of alcoholic beverages or chemical or controlled substances. When officers asked Myers to step out of the vehicle, he refused. Officer opened the drivers side door and conducted a takedown. |                                     |                                       |

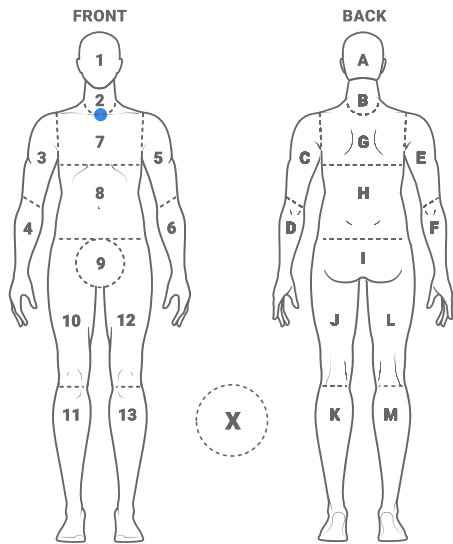
Force

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|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| INVOLVED OFFICER<br>Vanderhoof, Corey (4356) | FORCE TYPE<br>Hands-On - Intentional Grounding |
| NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS<br>1                  |                                                |

Response Action (continued)

Response Action



Force Location

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| BODY REGION<br>Chest   | DETAILED LOCATION<br>Sternum                    |
| NUMBER OF IMPACTS<br>1 | INJURY SUSTAINED FROM DIRECT FORCE<br>No injury |
| PHOTOGRAPHED           |                                                 |

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

NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT

## Investigation (continued)

### Investigation Details

On Saturday, September 28, 2025, at approximately 0243 hours, I (Ofc Andrade) was traveling south on Palm Ave. As I was approaching the traffic light, I saw that the traffic was backed up to turn left (E) onto N Roosevelt Blvd. I merged into the lane to the right and drove forward. Upon approaching the intersection, I saw a vehicle stopped at the head of the backed-up traffic with its driver door opened (a 2025 gray in color Ford Bronco bearing FL tag DM17UB. Next to it was another vehicle that was making contact with the opened door while slowly driving forward (a 2016 beige in color Ford Explorer bearing MD tag of 7FP0130). The Explorer continued forward, pushing the opened door backward as it went. I initiated my emergency lights.

When the Explorer disengaged from the open door, it continued driving forward crossing N Roosevelt Blvd. I proceeded behind the Explorer and initiated my sirens. The Explorer continued driving and finally came to a stop on the corner of 1st St and Vivian St. The Bronco followed and pulled behind me, several feet away.

I walked to the Explorer and immediately noticed that the driver's eyes were bloodshot, droopy, and glassy (later identified as Samuel Keith Myer, DOB 11/23/199, via his MD DL). I told Samuel that another officer would be arriving on scene and to get his driver's license, registration and insurance and have it ready. Samuel asked me a question regarding his registration. I immediately became aware of the strong odor of alcohol as he spoke.

Ofc Vanderhoof arrived on scene and began his crash investigation (see Ofc Vanderhoof's report for further details, case # 25004867). During of Vanderhoof's investigation, while speaking to Samuel who was still seated in the driver's seat of his Explorer, he called me over to him. I walked over and Ofc Vanderhoof told me that Samuel was refusing to exit the vehicle when told.

I ordered Samuel to get out of the vehicle and he did not. I then ordered Samuel to turn the vehicle off and he did not. Ofc Vanderhoof repeatedly told Samuel to exit the vehicle, but Samuel would not comply. Ofc Vanderhoof informed Samuel that if he failed to obey his commands, he would be forcibly removed from the vehicle. Ofc Vanderhoof then again ordered Samuel out of the vehicle, and he did not comply. Ofc Vanderhoof opened Samuel's door and forcibly removed Samuel from the vehicle. Samuel was escorted to the pavement where Ofc Vanderhoof and I placed his arms behind his back and handcuffed him. I then performed a search of Samuel's person incident to arrest, then placed him in the backseat of my patrol car.

Samuel did not suffer any injuries from being removed from the vehicle. Samuel was later taken to Key West Police Headquarters, 1604 N Roosevelt Blvd, to meet with Sgt Waite regarding being removed from his vehicle. Samuel stated he was uninjured when asked by Sgt Waite. Samuel did not have any visible marks as a result of being removed from the vehicle. Sgt Waite then photographed Samuel.

When Ofc Vanderhoof was finished with his crash investigation I went and spoke to the driver of the Bronco (later identified as Gabrielle Elysa Rankich, DOB 03/02/1999 via her FL ID) who told me the following:

She was on Palm Ave facing south, in the left turn lane. In front of her were several cars but they were not moving. Gabrielle then saw vehicles in front of her going around a vehicle (the Explorer) that was stopped near the front of the left turning lane. When she got next to the Explorer, she saw Samuel slumped over his steering wheel. Concerned, Gabrielle exited her vehicle and walked to the driver's side of the Explorer, leaving the door to her Bronco open. Gabrielle then pounded on Samuel's driver's side window for approximately ten seconds, but Samuel was unresponsive. Other people came to Samuel's door and opened it. Samuel then sat up. The people said they were calling the police which made Samuel become alert. Samuel then began to drive forward.

Ofc Vanderhoof then told Samuel he was finished with his crash investigation and showed him a Driver's Exchange Form. I then told Samuel I was beginning a DUI investigation and read him his Miranda Rights form a prepared card, as is customary for me. Samuel said he understood his rights and expressed that he did not wish to speak to me.

At this point is when I took Samuel to see Sgt Waite as mentioned prior. Once done with Sgt Waite I transported Samuel to the Monroe County Detention Center (MCDC) for processing.

Investigation (continued)

Investigation Details

Ofc Vanderhoof remained on scene and facilitated the towing of Samuel's vehicle.

I am a certified Breath Test Operator in the State of Florida and do possess a valid, in date, permit to administer such test. The instrument used is the Intoxilyzer 8000 S/N 80-007167. I began the twenty (20) minute observation period at 0329 hours. During the required 20-minute observation, Samuel did not take anything orally, did not regurgitate or touch his mouth. After the 20-minute observation I requested Samuel to consent to a lawful test of his breath, and he did.

At approximately 0427 hours Samuel provided a breath sample of .215 g/210L.

At approximately 0430 hours Samuel provided a breath sample of .214 g/210L.

Samuel was issued the following UNIFORM CRIMINAL CITATION: ALXL1QE (Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs.

Samuel was assigned a court date on October 09, 2025, with Judge Kelly, 9:00 am, at the Key West Courthouse. Samuel signed his criminal citation, and the Correction Deputy placed the citation inside his property bag.

Based on the facts and evidence, I believe there is probable cause that on 09/28/2025 Samuel Keith Myer did knowingly and intentionally violate F.S.S. 316-193-1 Driving Under the Influence, by driving a vehicle while in the state of Florida while having a breath-alcohol level of 0.214 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

Based on the facts and evidence, I believe there is probable cause that on 09/28/2025 Samuel Keith Myer did knowingly and intentionally violate F.S.S. 843.02 Resist Officer Without Violence, by failing to exit his vehicle when ordered to do so by Ofc Vanderhoof, a uniformed Key West Police Officer, in the execution of his legal duties.

This incident was recorded with my BWC and later submitted to Evidence.com.

Supervisor's Inquiry

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NOTIFIED DATE<br>09/28/2025                                                                                                   | NOTIFIED TIME<br>02:43                                                          |
| DID SUPERVISOR RESPOND TO THE SCENE<br>Yes                                                                                    | DID SUPERVISOR WATCH ALL RELEVANT VIDEOS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESPONSE TO<br>Yes |
| DID SUPERVISOR MEET WITH THE OFFICER(S)?<br>Yes                                                                               |                                                                                 |
| DURING SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW DID YOU FIND AN POTENTIAL POLICY VIOLATIONS OR TRAINING ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT?<br>No |                                                                                 |
| WAS SUPERVISOR ABLE TO LOCATE ANY INDEPENDENT WITNESSES?<br>No                                                                |                                                                                 |

Supervisor Comments

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| SUPERVISOR<br>Waite, Kenneth (3646) | RANK<br>Sergeant | REVIEW DATE<br>09/28/2025 |
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Investigation (continued)

Investigation Details

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| COMMENTS |
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Professional Standards Division

Reviewer

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| REVIEWER<br>Dean, Jeffrey (3386)                                                                                            | RANK<br>Lieutenant | REVIEW DATE<br>10/07/2025 |
| COMMENTS                                                                                                                    |                    |                           |
| DID THE REVIEW OF THIS INCIDENT CONCLUDE THAT THE RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE WAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENTAL POLICY?<br>Yes |                    |                           |