

Donald J. Lee, Jr.
Chief of Police



Key West
POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Sue Srch, Executive Director, CRB
FROM: Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police
DATE: January 13, 2012
RE: CRB 12-001 Rodd

On December 7, 2011, Mr. Rodd sent me an email in reference to his complaint against Ofc. Galbo and Ofc. Ashley Dean. On the same day, I instructed Capt. Smith to look into Mr. Rodd's complaint. On December 12, 2011, Lt. Vazquez (Night Watch Commander) provided me with a memo and Taser cam video in reference to his review of the complaint.

On January 6, 2012, I received the complaint from you filed by Mr. Rodd alleging rudeness, profanity, and searches. On January 9, 2012, I received an amended complaint by Mr. Rodd to include harassment.

After reviewing Mr. Rodd's complaints and Lt. Vazquez's review, I believe there is no evidence to support Mr. Rodd's allegations.

It is important to note that in each instance provided by Mr. Rodd regarding "harassment" that the police department received complaints from citizens in reference to Mr. Rodd's camping or sleeping in his vehicle. It is also important to note that in each instance there were several vehicles reported by citizen complainants and all occupants were asked to leave by police officers.

There is nothing provided by Mr. Rodd or the review to suggest that any search of his person or vehicle occurred.

Regarding the City's camping ordinance, I have sought and await an opinion from the City Attorney's Office on whether sleeping and/or living in a vehicle constitutes camping. Once we receive the opinion, I will ensure that all officers are trained on enforcement of the ordinance.

CC: Lt. David Smith, Professional Standards



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