

Key West Police Department

Case 26000145

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| Status | Approved |
| Report Type | Patrol |
| Primary Officer | Bryce Sonnichsen |
| Investigator | None |
| Reported At | 01/08/26 22:06 |
| Incident Date | 01/08/26 22:06 |
| Incident Code | S36B : Battery |
| Location | 284 MARGARET ST, KEY WEST, FL 33040 (CUBAN COFFEE QUEEN (BIGHT)) |
| Zone | Zone 2 |
| Beat | B3 |
| Disposition | 4. Cleared as Arrest |
| Disposition Date/Time | 01/08/26 23:14 |
| Review for Gang Activity | None |

Offense Information

Offense ASSAULT / THREAT / INTIMIDATION
Statute 784. 011
NIBRS Code
Counts 1
Offense Details Completed
Include In NIBRS Yes
Completed Yes
Bias Motivation None (no bias)
Location Jail/Prison/Penitentiary/Corrections Facility
Entry Forced No
Forces Used Other

Offense BATTERY ON LEO / FIREFIGHTER / EMT RECLASSIFIED
Statute 784.07-2b
NIBRS Code 13B - Simple Assault
Counts 4
Offense Details Completed
Include In NIBRS Yes
Completed Yes
Bias Motivation None (no bias)
Location Other
Entry Forced No
Forces Used Personal Weapons

Offense RESIST / OBSTRUCT OFFICER W/O VIOLENCE
Statute 843.02
NIBRS Code 90Z - All Other Offenses
Counts 3
Offense Details Completed
Include In NIBRS Yes
Completed Yes
Bias Motivation None (no bias)
Location Other
Entry Forced No

Offense RESIST OFFICER WITH VIOLENCE
Statute 843.01
NIBRS Code 90Z - All Other Offenses
Counts 1
Offense Details Completed
Include In NIBRS Yes
Completed Yes
Bias Motivation None (no bias)
Location Other
Entry Forced No

Arrestee

ZIMMERMAN, CHELSEA MARIE

Female, DOB 11/18/88

5555 COLLEGE RD PMB 46
KEY WEST, FL 33040

(305) 684-4884 Home

784. 011 - ASSAULT / THREAT / INTIMIDATION -
Completed

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RECLASSIFIED - 4 counts - Completed

Offender

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RECLASSIFIED - 4 counts - Completed

Victim

ALBURY, ERICA LAURYN

Female, DOB 5/21/93

5501 COLLEGE RD
KEY WEST, FL 33040

784. 011 - ASSAULT / THREAT / INTIMIDATION -
Completed

784.07-2b - BATTERY ON LEO / FIREFIGHTER / EMT
RECLASSIFIED - 4 counts - Completed

MEELER, KADY AMANDA

Female, DOB 4/15/93

22985 CALICO JACK CIRCLE
SUMMERLAND KEY, FL 33042

784.07-2b - BATTERY ON LEO / FIREFIGHTER / EMT
RECLASSIFIED - 4 counts - Completed

SHARP, ELIOT

Unknown, DOB 2/14/01

1604 N ROOSEVELT BLVD
KEY WEST, FL 33040

784.07-2b - BATTERY ON LEO / FIREFIGHTER / EMT
RECLASSIFIED - 4 counts - Completed

SONNICHSEN, BRYCE J

Male, DOB 2/22/99

1604 N ROOSEVELT BLVD
KEY WEST, FL 33040

(305) 809-1000 Home

784.07-2b - BATTERY ON LEO / FIREFIGHTER / EMT
RECLASSIFIED - 4 counts - Completed

Unspecified

HORVATH, BENCE

Male, DOB 7/18/87

1 GENERAL DELIVERY
KEY WEST, FL 33040

(305) 684-4884 Home

Original Narrative By Bryce Sonnichsen, 01/09/26 02:59

On January 8, 2026, at approximately 2000 hours, I, Officer Sonnichsen, along with Officer Golovanov, responded to 284 Margaret Street in reference to a call about an intoxicated individual yelling profanities at passersby and causing a disturbance in the public area.

Upon arrival, I observed a female, later identified as Chelsea Marie Zimmerman (Arrestee, DOB: 11/18/1988) exhibiting signs consistent with alcoholic or drug intoxication, including erratic behavior, emotional volatility, and repeated loud verbal outbursts directed toward members of the public as they walked by. Officer Golovanov was already on scene and advised that Ms. Zimmerman's conduct had been ongoing and was causing a disturbance.

Ms. Zimmerman was also in possession of a dog that appeared visibly distressed. When Mrs. Zimmerman attempted to walk away from Ofc. Golovanov and I, she released the leash and the dog immediately ran toward me and attempted to hide beneath a nearby bench. Based on my training and experience, I observed that the dog appeared distressed but not injured. In order to protect the animal's safety and reduce further escalation, I requested that the dog be turned over to a responsible party. The dog was released to Zimmerman's boyfriend, Bence Horvath.

I was advised by Ofc. Golovanov that the property at 284 Margaret Street had standing authorization allowing the Key West Police Department to enforce trespass violations. I informed Ms. Zimmerman that she was not authorized to remain on the property and asked her to provide identification so we could complete our law enforcement action and documentation. Ms. Zimmerman repeatedly refused to identify herself and continued attempting to walk away despite my lawful commands to remain on scene.

Due to Ms. Zimmerman's refusal to comply during a lawful investigation, I attempted to detain her. Ms. Zimmerman resisted by tensing her body and pulling away from me. Officer Golovanov and I eventually were able to place her in handcuffs. Despite being secured, Ms. Zimmerman continued attempting to stand and move away and repeatedly disobeyed lawful commands to not pull away or attempt to leave the scene.

As we escorted her to my patrol vehicle, Ms. Zimmerman actively braced herself, kicked us, and prevented myself and Ofc. Golovanov from safely placing her into the vehicle. Due to her continued resistance and active aggression, I advised Ms. Zimmerman that she would be Tased if she did not comply with my lawful commands to stop resisting and to identify herself. I displayed and arced my department-issued Axon Taser as a warning. Ms. Zimmerman continued to refuse commands.

I continued issuing multiple verbal commands and warnings to stop resisting. Due to Ms. Zimmerman's refusal to comply, I deployed my department-issued Taser in drive-stun mode a total of four times, two times in her lower back and two times in the left thigh. The Taser deployment had little observable effect each time as Ms. Zimmerman only continued aggressively fighting, kicking, and struck me in the groin during the struggle. Despite continued resistance, officers were eventually able to secure her inside the patrol vehicle.

Sgt. Waite arrived on scene per Response To Resistance incident policy.

Due to the use of the Taser and Ms. Zimmerman's continued behavior, I transported her to Lower Keys Medical Center as a precautionary measure and in accordance with department policy. While at the hospital, Ms. Zimmerman continued to behave aggressively, yelling obscenities, physically attacking staff, and kicking officers. Ofc. Sharp spoke with nurse Kady A. Meeler, who wished to pursue charges for battery, after being kicked while trying to defend other nurses from being struck.

After Ms. Zimmerman was medically cleared, I again attempted to transport her. She continued resisting by refusing to re-enter the patrol vehicle and repeatedly dropping her body weight in an attempt to prevent escort to the jail. Ms. Zimmerman was ultimately transported to the Monroe County Detention Center.

Upon arrival at the jail, Ms. Zimmerman again refused to exit the vehicle and intentionally dropped her body weight as deputies attempted to escort her upstairs. Throughout the escort, Zimmerman repeatedly dropped her weight, resisted joint manipulation techniques, and disobeyed lawful commands. She was placed into a restraint chair, where she continued kicking deputies. Sgt. Albury deployed her Taser to Zimmerman's lower back in attempt to deter the active aggressive resistance.

Ms. Zimmerman also made verbal threats toward Sgt. Albury, stating, "I'll beat your ass, weak ass whore. I'll meet you at the bus stop tomorrow. Uncuff me, whore. Try me." Sgt. Albury stated she wished to pursue charges for battery and threats/intimidation.

Ms. Zimmerman was later positively identified through law enforcement databases and prior documented encounters. Records indicated a history of arrests, including prior charges for resisting to accept a criminal traffic citation and DUI on 4/3/2024; two counts of battery, trespassing, and two counts of resisting without violence on 6/22/2023; and resisting without violence and trespassing on 5/30/2023.

Throughout the incident, my body-worn camera and vehicle recording systems were activated.

Based on the totality of the facts and circumstances described above, I find probable cause that on January 8, 2026:

Chelsea Marie Zimmerman did knowingly and intentionally violate Florida Statute 843.02 (Resisting Officer Without Violence) by refusing to identify herself upon request by uniformed law enforcement officers during an active investigation, and repeatedly refusing to comply with my lawful commands during investigation.

I find probable cause that Chelsea Marie Zimmerman did knowingly and intentionally violate Florida Statute 843.01 (Resisting Officer With Violence) by actively resisting officers through physical force, including bracing her body, pulling away, and kicking Officer Golovanov and me while officers were attempting to lawfully place her into a patrol vehicle.

I find probable cause that Chelsea Marie Zimmerman did knowingly and intentionally violate Florida Statute 784.07(2) (b) (Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer) by intentionally kicking multiple uniformed law enforcement officers while they were engaged in the lawful performance of their duties.

I further believe there is probable cause that Chelsea Marie Zimmerman did knowingly and intentionally violate Florida Statute 784.011 (Assault / Threat / Intimidation) by making credible verbal threats toward corrections deputies, causing fear and intimidation while they were performing their official duties.

Cleared by arrest.