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Key West

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Citizens Review Board
FROM: Sergeant Joseph A. Stockton, Professional Standards
DATE: September 6, 2023
RE: 23-002 Barroso Response

In reference to your request for video(s) involving Mr. Barroso's complaint, a link has been sent to the Citizen's Review Board Email (CRB@Cityofkeywest-fl.gov).

Based on my research into this incident, I do not believe there to be any violation of KWPD policy or Florida state statute by Officer Brian Leahy.

Officer B. Leahy was provided with information from another law enforcement officer as to the location of Mr. Brian Barroso. Mr. Brian Barroso was known to have three (3) active felony warrants. Officer B. Leahy responded, made contact with and arrested Mr. Brian Barroso. Since Mr. Brian Barroso was under arrest for the three (3) active warrants, Officer B. Leahy searched Mr. Brian Barroso and removed items from his person. This is within state and federal law, as well as follows the policies of the Key West Police Department.

The complainant is correct in regard to Officer B. Leahy taking the two (2) "Vape Pens." Monroe County Sheriff's Office Detention Center does not allow consumable liquids into their Property/Evidence storage area, due to the possibility of the liquids leaking and contaminating other property/evidence. Furthermore, Monroe County Sheriff's Office "Vape Pens" are considered as contraband in their Detention facility. Officer B. Leahy disposed of the contraband properly.

At this time, Mr. Brian Barroso claims of illegally seized "Vape Pens" has no basis or foundation. Officer B. Leahy was acting under the color of law and did not abuse his authority as a law enforcement officer.

If the board has any questions regarding this complaint, please feel free to contact me.



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