



KEY WEST POLICE DEPT.

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Response to Resistance EVT-00001346-1

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Primary Officer: Stutz, Thomas (3138)

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 0126001381`	DATE 03/21/2026	TIME 04:15
LOCATION 2700 N Roosevelt Blvd, Key West, Monroe County, FL, 33040, USA		
INCIDENT TYPE S13 - Suspicious Vehicle		
OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED?		

Persons

Lefkowitz, Robert Leslie

Person Role

ROLE Subject

Person Details

LAST NAME Lefkowitz		FIRST NAME Robert		MIDDLE NAME Leslie		SUFFIX			
DOB 12/16/1968		AGE 57		SEX M		RACE W		ETHNICITY Not Hispanic or Latino	
HEIGHT 5' 10"		WEIGHT 220		CLOTHING TYPE Loose / Hanging					

Identifying Documents

Document

ID TYPE Driver's License

Persons (continued)

Lefkowitz, Robert Leslie (continued)

ISSUING STATE Florida	
ID NUMBER L123772684560	
EXPIRATION DATE 12/16/2028	CLASS CLASS A
RESTRICTIONS	

Contact

Address

ADDRESS TYPE H - Home
LOCATION 3390 Gandy Blvd N #282, St. Petersburg FL 33702

Phone Number

E-Mail

Response to Resistance Circumstances

DID YOU OBSERVE THE SUBJECT? Yes		
APPEARED TO BE		
☒ Emotionally/Mentally disturbed	☐ Intoxicated	☐ Not Applicable
☐ Under the influence of controlled substance		
SUBJECT ARRESTED Yes		

Officers

Lashley, Adam (4423)

Officer Details

ROLE Involved	OFFICER / EMPLOYEE Lashley, Adam (4423)	POSITION Officer	DIVISION Night Patrol Division
PATROL SHIFT Alpha Night Shift		EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE 1	
UNIFORMED OR PLAIN CLOTHES Uniformed		EMPLOYEE WAS ON DUTY On Duty	

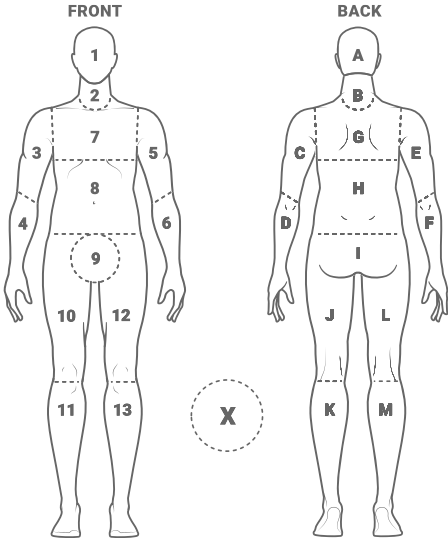
EMPLOYEE RACE White	EMPLOYEE ETHNICITY Not Hispanic or Latino	EMPLOYEE SEX Male
EMPLOYEE AGE 31	EMPLOYEE HEIGHT 6' 2"	EMPLOYEE WEIGHT 260
INJURIES No		
BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) ACTIVATED DURING INCIDENT		

Officers (continued)

Lashley, Adam (4423) (continued)

☐ No

☒ Yes



Young, James (4219)

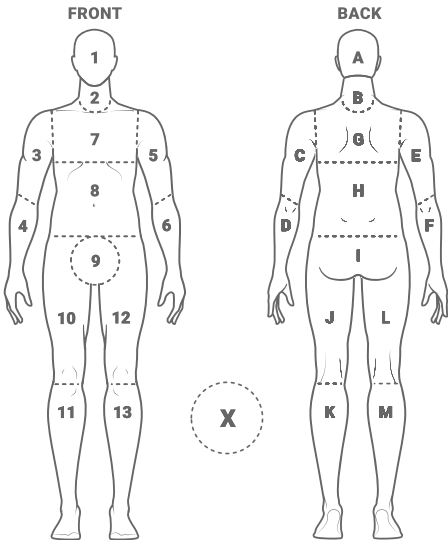
Officer Details

ROLE Involved	OFFICER / EMPLOYEE Young, James (4219)	POSITION Officer	DIVISION Night Patrol Division
PATROL SHIFT Alpha Night Shift		EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE 3	
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 180
INJURIES No			
BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) ACTIVATED DURING INCIDENT ☐ No ☒ Yes			

Officers (continued)

Young, James (4219) (continued)



Davis, Sean (4270)

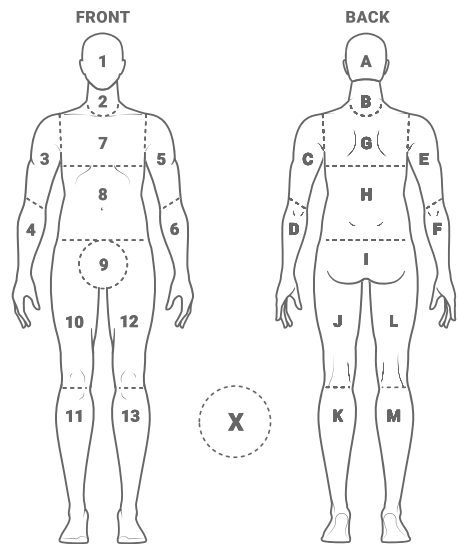
Officer Details

ROLE Involved	OFFICER / EMPLOYEE Davis, Sean (4270)	POSITION Officer	DIVISION Night Patrol Division
PATROL SHIFT Alpha Night Shift	EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE 3		
UNIFORMED OR PLAIN CLOTHES Uniformed	EMPLOYEE WAS ON DUTY On Duty		

EMPLOYEE RACE Black or African American		EMPLOYEE ETHNICITY Not Hispanic or Latino	EMPLOYEE SEX Male
EMPLOYEE AGE 35		EMPLOYEE HEIGHT 6' 1"	EMPLOYEE WEIGHT 270
INJURIES No			
BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) ACTIVATED DURING INCIDENT ☐ No ☒ Yes			

Officers (continued)

Davis, Sean (4270) (continued)



Response Action

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FORCE USED AGAINST P - Person		
PERSON FORCE USED AGAINST Lefkowitz, Robert Leslie		
RESISTANCE LEVEL ☒ Active ☐ Passive		
☐ Aggressive	☐ Deadly Force	
EXPLANATION OF RESISTANCE LEVEL Subject began pulling away from officers and tensing his arms in an attempt to defeat being handcuffed.		

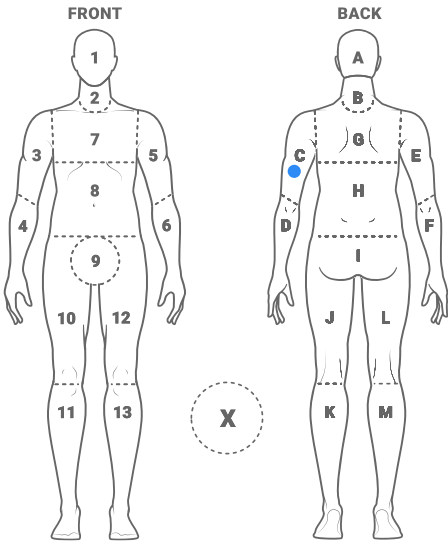
Force

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INVOLVED OFFICER Lashley, Adam (4423)	FORCE TYPE Hands-On - Intentional Grounding
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS 1	

Response Action (continued)

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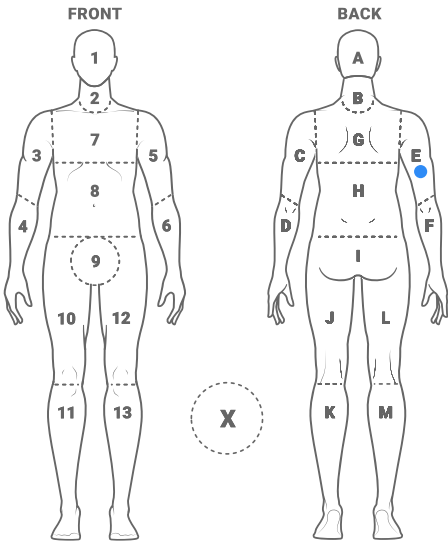


Force Location

BODY REGION Left Back Upper Arm	DETAILED LOCATION Left Back Upper Arm (Unspecified)
NUMBER OF IMPACTS 1	INJURY SUSTAINED FROM DIRECT FORCE No injury
PHOTOGRAPHED Yes	
INVOLVED OFFICER Young, James (4219)	FORCE TYPE Hands-On - Intentional Grounding
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Response Action (continued)

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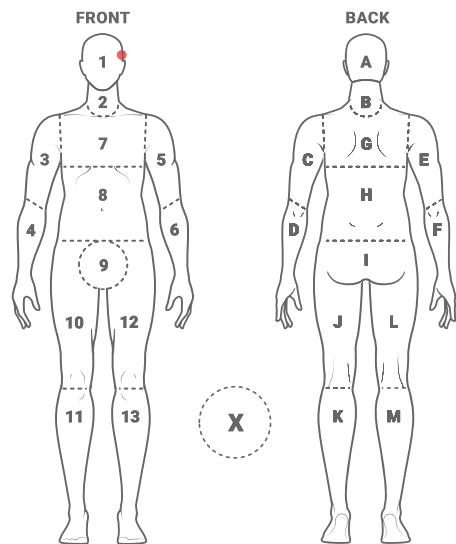
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Related Injuries

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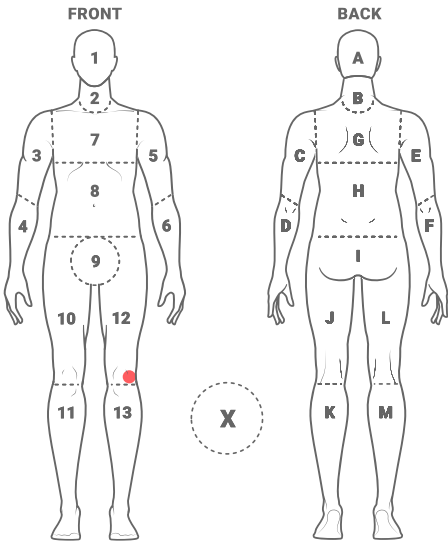


Injury Location

BODY REGION Face	DETAILED LOCATION Left Temple
INJURY SUSTAINED WITHOUT DIRECT FORCE Evident	TREATED Yes
TREATED BY Hospital	INJURY DETAILS Abrasion Left Forehead

Response Action (continued)

Response Action



Injury Location

BODY REGION Left Front Thigh	DETAILED LOCATION Left Knee
INJURY SUSTAINED WITHOUT DIRECT FORCE Evident	TREATED Yes
TREATED BY Hospital	INJURY DETAILS Abrasion

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

Lashley Narrative:

On March 21, 2026, at approximately 0421 hours, I, Officer Lashley, was conducting a routine area check of 2700 N. Roosevelt Blvd (Overseas Market

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Shopping Center). During this patrol, I observed a black Volkswagen parked outside of Denny's with its engine running and lights turned off. The vehicle also had a sun visor on the front dash obstructing the view in the front.

Based on my training and experience, I am familiar with this specific area being used by individuals sleeping or camping in vehicles, which can be associated with trespassing, impaired driving, or other criminal activity. Due to these observations, I advised dispatch via radio that I was investigating a suspicious vehicle and provided the Florida tag displayed on the vehicle (04BCHE).

Upon approach, I observed a white male, later identified as Robert Leslie Lefkowitz, asleep inside the vehicle. I illuminated the interior of the vehicle with my flashlight to wake the subject and to ensure no additional occupants or threats were present. Upon waking, Lefkowitz immediately moved from the rear seating area into the driver's seat.

As Lefkowitz moved toward the driver's position, I repositioned to the driver's side door to maintain visual contact and ensure officer safety. Lefkowitz appeared agitated and verbally instructed me to remove the light from his face. I advised him that the use of my flashlight was necessary for officer safety.

I then requested identification from Lefkowitz, as he was camping in his vehicle. Lefkowitz stated he intended to leave the area. I informed him he was not free to leave at that time, as I was conducting a lawful investigation and needed to determine his identity.

Lefkowitz began making movements consistent with preparing the vehicle for operation, including shifting his position in the driver's seat in a manner suggesting he was placing the vehicle in gear. Due to the immediate risk of flight and potential danger to the public, I issued clear verbal commands for Lefkowitz to exit the vehicle. Lefkowitz refused to comply. I advised him that failure to comply would result in me breaking the vehicle window to prevent his departure.

As I prepared my window-breaking tool, Officer Davis arrived on scene to assist. At that time, Lefkowitz provided his Florida driver's license. Officer Davis advised me that he observed a firearm in the center console of the vehicle, which was not visible from my position.

Given the presence of a firearm and Lefkowitz's prior noncompliance, I again ordered him to exit the vehicle. Lefkowitz complied, though he remained visibly irritated. Officer Young also arrived on scene to assist.

For officer safety, Officer Davis instructed Lefkowitz to turn around to conduct a pat-down frisk for weapons. Lefkowitz refused to comply after multiple lawful commands. Officers Davis and Young then instructed Lefkowitz to place his hands behind his back for detention due to his continued noncompliance.

Lefkowitz again refused and began pulling away from Officers Davis and Young. Observing an active physical resistance, I assisted by taking hold of Lefkowitz and guiding him to the ground in a controlled manner to safely gain compliance. During this process, Lefkowitz sustained a minor abrasion to the left side of his head.

Lefkowitz was secured without further incident.

A pitbull dog located inside Lefkowitz's vehicle was turned over to the Florida Keys SPCA for safekeeping. Lefkowitz signed a Release of Liability form to prevent his vehicle from being towed. The vehicle's registration was found to be expired as of December 16, 2024, and Lefkowitz was verbally warned regarding the violation.

Lefkowitz was placed in my patrol vehicle and transported to Lower Keys Medical Center, where he was medically evaluated and cleared. He was then transported to the Monroe County Detention Center without further incident.

Based on the totality of the circumstances, I established probable cause to believe that Robert Leslie Lefkowitz violated Florida Statute 843.02 – Resisting Officer Without Violence, in that he knowingly and willfully resisted lawful commands during a lawful investigation and physically pulled away from law enforcement officers attempting to detain him.

My body-worn camera and in-car fleet camera recordings were uploaded to Evidence.com. All related documentation, including paperwork for the subject's dog and vehicle release, was placed with Lefkowitz's property at the detention facility.

The firearm (Ruger LCP Max .380), ammunition, and holster were collected and submitted into the KWPD Property and Evidence Division in accordance with department policy.

Young Narrative:

On Saturday, March 21, 2026, at approximately 0415 hours, I (Officer James Young) was enroute to Overseas Market to back up Officer Lashley suspicious vehicle in front of the Denny's restaurant. While enroute, Officer Lashley advised subject is yelling at him and refusing to ID himself. The male was later identified after the arrest as Robert Leslie Lefkowitz from his Florida driver's license.

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Upon arrival Officer Lashley and Officer Davis were already on scene, with Robert still in his vehicle. Officer Davis advised there was a gun in reach. Robert did exit the vehicle after multiple verbal commands from both Officer Davis and Officer Lashley.

Per the Key West Policy, Robert was demonstrating from his actions he was in passive resistance where he was refusing to comply to the officer's request to control the situation. When Officer Davis told Robert to put his hands behind his back Robert then became Active resistance toward Officer Davis and myself. Robert was making physical movements to defeat our attempts to control.

In response to Robert's actions, I grabbed his right arm to gain control of him. Robert continued to tense up his body and tried to redirect himself to get away from myself and the other Officers. Robert then tried to run away while I still a hold of his arm. I then had to use a takedown to gain physical control of Robert. I was able to make Robert lose balance and redirect him in a control manner to the ground. Since I had a hold of his right arm I was the able to get his arm behind his back while the other Officers were able to handcuff Robert and double lock.

I then turn Robert to his side and sat up right. I asked Robert if he needed medical attention and he denied the offer. Due to the takedown that occurred the SGT's were notified. Sgt. Del Valle spoke with Robert and took photos of him. I then helped search Robert before placing in the Officer Lashley patrol vehicle.

I uploaded my Axon BWC to evidence.com.

End of Report.

Davis Narrative:

On March 21, 2026, at approximately 0415 hours, I, Officer Davis, responded to 2700 North Roosevelt Boulevard (Denny's) in reference to assisting Officer Lashley, who was conducting an investigation involving a suspicious vehicle.

While en route, Officer Lashley advised KYPD Communications (Comm 1) that the male occupant of the vehicle was refusing to identify himself and would not lower his window, raising officer safety concerns.

Upon my arrival, I approached the passenger side of the vehicle and made visual contact with the male occupant, later identified as Robert Lefkowitz. At that time, Robert appeared visibly agitated. Officer Lashley was able to obtain Robert's driver's license; however, his demeanor remained hostile and uncooperative.

While standing at the passenger side, I observed a firearm in plain view, specifically located in the center console cup holder within immediate reach of Robert. Due to the inherent danger presented by the firearm's accessibility and Robert's agitated state, I issued loud, clear verbal commands instructing Robert not to touch the firearm.

In response, Robert became increasingly hostile and agitated. He placed his wallet directly next to the firearm and loudly stated, "This is my fucking gun!" Based on Robert's escalating behavior, refusal to comply with commands, and the immediate proximity of the firearm, I drew my department-issued firearm and maintained it at a low-ready/targeted position for officer safety. I then instructed Officer Lashley to have Robert exit the vehicle.

Robert complied with exiting the vehicle; however, he remained visibly irate and verbally uncooperative. I issued lawful commands for Robert to turn around and place his hands on his head so that I could conduct a pat-down for weapons, given the presence of the firearm and ongoing safety concerns.

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Robert refused, stating, "Don't put your hands on me, dude." I issued the command multiple additional times. At that point, Robert abruptly lifted his shirt and spun around in a sudden and unpredictable manner. Due to Robert's continued refusal to comply with lawful commands, his erratic movements, and the totality of the circumstances, I attempted to place Robert in handcuffs as he was being lawfully detained pending the completion of Officer Lashley's investigation.

Robert actively resisted by tensing his arms and pulling away, preventing me from securing him in handcuffs. Due to his active resistance, Robert was redirected to the ground in a controlled and safe manner. After a brief struggle, Robert was successfully secured in handcuffs without further incident.

Once secured, Robert was placed in the recovery position and then seated upright. He was monitored for any signs of distress.

I then returned to the vehicle and secured the firearm, identified as a Ruger LCP MAX (S/N: 381702064), chambered in .380 Auto, which had been observed in plain view. The firearm was rendered safe and placed into my patrol vehicle. It was later properly packaged and submitted to the property and evidence department for safekeeping.

End of report.

Supervisor's Inquiry

NOTIFIED DATE 03/21/2026	NOTIFIED TIME 04:21
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? No	
WAS SUPERVISOR ABLE TO LOCATE ANY INDEPENDENT WITNESSES? No	

Supervisor Comments

SUPERVISOR Stutz, Thomas (3138)	RANK Sergeant	REVIEW DATE 03/21/2026
COMMENTS On 3/21/26 I responded to 2700 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Overseas Market, when I heard via Key West Patrol Channel One that Ofc. Lashley was with a non-compliant subject in his vehicle refusing to identify himself. While en route, I heard Ofc. Davis had arrived on scene and announced that a firearm was in the vehicle within reach of the subject. Upon my arrival, I observed the subject outside the vehicle and Ofc. Davis was attempting to gain compliance during a pat search for weapons on the subject's person. The subject continually refused to comply with officer direction and was flailing his arms, lifting his shirt, and making awkward and erratic movements. When Officer Davis attempted to control the subject's hands for the pt search he began to pull away and attempted to flee. When the subject escaped the grasp of Ofc. Davis he was immediately grabbed by Ofc. James Young and Ofc. Lashley who regained control of him. The subject the began screaming, "You're gonna kill me!" while continuing to tense and pull his arms in an attempt to escape their grip. The subject then turned abruptly to try to break free and lost balance, Ofc. Young and Ofc. Lashley then took him to the ground. Ofc. Davis had unholstered his taser and was giving loud verbal commands to put his hands behind his back or he would be tased. The subject complied and was hand-cuffed and placed in a rescue position. I then interviewed Ofc. Lashley who stated he had observed the violation of City Ordinances for Camping and Lodging in a Vehicle. Ofc. Lashley		

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stated he approached the vehicle, identified himself and the reason for the contact. Ofc. Lashley advised the subject of the Ordinance Violation and requested the subject's identification. The subject was non-compliant and refused to identify himself, while appearing to attempt to place his vehicle in drive and flee the scene. Ofc. Lashley ordered the subject to exit the vehicle and again to identify himself. The subject continued to refuse. Ofc. Lashley advised Ofc. Davis arrived and approached the passenger side of the vehicle and immediately observed a firearm in the center console. Ofc. Lashley advised the subject was again ordered to get out of the vehicle and he complied and provided identification. Ofc. Lashley advised Ofc. Davis the approached the subject and advised a pat down for weapons would be conducted due to the already known fire arm. The subject again became non-compliant and erratic. When Ofc. Davis attempted to secure the subjects hands he began to pull away and Both Ofc. Lashley and Ofc. Young had to grab him as he attempted to escape Ofc. Davis. The subject continued to tense his arms and pull away and ultimately was take to the ground. Ofc. Lashley advised he attempted an arm bar takedown which caused the subject to lose balance and fall. The subject was then handcuffed.

I then spoke to Ofc. Davis who advised he responded a back-up unit regarding the suspicious vehicle that was occupied. Ofc. Davis advised the subject was failing to identify himself and acting erratically. Ofc. Davis stated he observed a firearm in the center console and he and Ofc. Lashley ordered the subject out of the car. Ofc. Davis the subject was holding his wallet which he placed next to the firearm in the console. Ofc. Davis stated when the subject exited, he moved to the driver's side of the vehicle and ordered the subject to turn around while he conducted a pat search for weapons due to the subject's behavior and known presence of a weapon. The subject refused to obey lawful commands, lifted his shirt, spun in a circle and flapped his arms. Ofc. Davis advised he attempted to control the subject's hand when he finally turned around and the subject pulled away and attempted to defeat his actions. Ofc. Davis stated Ofc. Young and Lashley grabbed the subject's arms as he continued to tense and pull away. Ofc. Davis advised he removed his Taser as Ofc. Lashley and Ofc. Young struggled with the subject. Ofc. Davis advised the subject was taken to the ground by Ofc. Young and Lashley and he gave loud verbal commands for the subject to place his hands behind his back.

Sgt. del Valle arrived on scene and spoke to Ofc. Young and the subject. The subject continued his erratic behavior and repeatedly stated that he did nothing wrong. Sgt. del Valle photographed the subject and observed he had a small abrasion on his left knee and left temple. Sgt. del Valle later entered the photographs into evidence.com.

The entire response to resistance incident was captured on my BWC as I approached the scene. All BWC, Fleet Videos, and Photos have been attached.

Nothing further to Report.

Professional Standards Division

Reviewer

REVIEWER Dean, Jeffrey (3386)	RANK Lieutenant	REVIEW DATE 03/24/2026
COMMENTS		
DID THE REVIEW OF THIS INCIDENT CONCLUDE THAT THE RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE WAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENTAL POLICY? Yes		