

**KEY WEST POLICE DEPT.**1604 N. ROOSEVELT BLVD.
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Response to Resistance EVT-00001243-1

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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 0126000145	DATE 01/14/2026	TIME 03:35
LOCATION 284 Margaret Street, Key West FL 33040		
INCIDENT TYPE S2 - Intoxicated Person		
OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED? N - No		

Persons

Zimmerman, Chelsea Marie

Person Role

ROLE Subject

Person Details

LAST NAME Zimmerman	FIRST NAME Chelsea	MIDDLE NAME Marie	SUFFIX
DOB 11/18/1988	AGE 37	SEX F	RACE W
ETHNICITY Not Hispanic or Latino	HEIGHT 5' 4"	WEIGHT 130	CLOTHING TYPE Layered Clothing

Identifying Documents

Document

ID TYPE Driver's License

Persons (continued)

Zimmerman, Chelsea Marie (continued)

ISSUING STATE Florida	
ID NUMBER Z625-722-04-100-0	
EXPIRATION DATE 11/18/2033	CLASS CLASS E
RESTRICTIONS	

Contact

Address

ADDRESS TYPE H - Home
LOCATION 5537 College Road, Key West FL 33040

Phone Number

PHONE NUMBER TYPE Home	PHONE NUMBER (305) 684-4884
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E-Mail

Response to Resistance Circumstances

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

Horvath, Bence

Person Role

ROLE Witness

Person Details

LAST NAME Horvath	FIRST NAME Bence	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX	
DOB 07/18/1987	AGE 38	SEX M	RACE B	ETHNICITY Not Hispanic or Latino
HEIGHT 5' 5"	WEIGHT 120			

Identifying Documents

Document

ID TYPE State ID

Persons (continued)

Horvath, Bence (continued)

ISSUING STATE Florida	
ID NUMBER H631449727000	
EXPIRATION DATE	CLASS INVALID
RESTRICTIONS	

Contact

Address

ADDRESS TYPE H - Home
LOCATION 1 General Delivery, Key West FL 33040

Phone Number

PHONE NUMBER TYPE Home	PHONE NUMBER (305) 684-4884
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E-Mail

Officers

Sonnichsen, Bryce (4424)

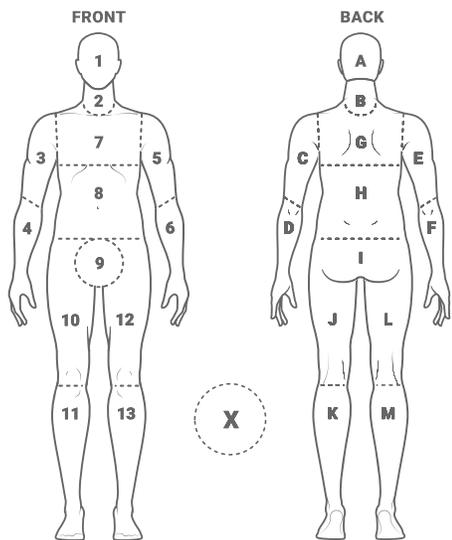
Officer Details

ROLE Involved	OFFICER / EMPLOYEE Sonnichsen, Bryce (4424)	POSITION Officer	DIVISION Night Patrol Division
PATROL SHIFT Bravo Night Shift		EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE 1	
UNIFORMED OR PLAIN CLOTHES Plain Clothes		EMPLOYEE WAS ON DUTY On Duty	

EMPLOYEE RACE White	EMPLOYEE ETHNICITY Not Hispanic or Latino	EMPLOYEE SEX Male
EMPLOYEE AGE 26	EMPLOYEE HEIGHT 5' 6"	EMPLOYEE WEIGHT 170
INJURIES No		
BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) ACTIVATED DURING INCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		

Officers (continued)

Sonnichsen, Bryce (4424) (continued)



Response Action

Response Action

FORCE USED AGAINST P - Person
PERSON FORCE USED AGAINST Zimmerman, Chelsea Marie
RESISTANCE LEVEL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aggressive <input type="checkbox"/> Deadly Force <input type="checkbox"/> Passive
EXPLANATION OF RESISTANCE LEVEL Zimmerman passively resisted officers during their investigation. Zimmerman actively resisted officers as they attempted to handcuff her. Zimmerman aggressively resisted officers attempts to place her inside of the patrol vehicle by kicking Ofc. Sonnichsen.

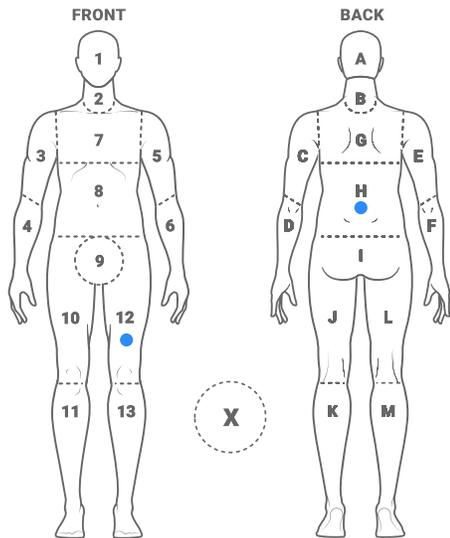
Force

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INVOLVED OFFICER Sonnichsen, Bryce (4424)	FORCE TYPE TASER CEW
DISTANCE BETWEEN OFFICER AND SUBJECT (FT) 0	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS 4
CEW MODEL TASER 7	CEW ACTION Drive Stun
SERIAL NUMBER X4001FT6T	

Response Action (continued)

Response Action



Force Location

BODY REGION Left Front Thigh	DETAILED LOCATION Left Front Thigh (Unspecified)
NUMBER OF IMPACTS 2	INJURY SUSTAINED FROM DIRECT FORCE No injury
PHOTOGRAPHED Yes	

BODY REGION Lower Back	DETAILED LOCATION Lower Back (Unspecified)
NUMBER OF IMPACTS 2	INJURY SUSTAINED FROM DIRECT FORCE No injury
PHOTOGRAPHED No	

Related Injuries

Investigation

Investigation Details

Report Information

<p>OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT AND/OR WARRANT AFFIDAVIT MUST INCLUDE</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All details of the arrest</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All necessary criminal elements</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detailed description of injury complaints and/or observed injuries</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Details articulating the subject's words, mannerisms and actions that justify the Response to Resistance</p>
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Investigation (continued)

Investigation Details

- 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

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.

Investigation (continued)

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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.

Investigation (continued)

Investigation Details

Supervisor's Inquiry

NOTIFIED DATE 01/08/2026	NOTIFIED TIME 22:06
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 Waite, Kenneth (3646)	RANK Sergeant	REVIEW DATE 01/08/2026
COMMENTS		

Professional Standards Division

Reviewer

REVIEWER Dean, Jeffrey (3386)	RANK Lieutenant	REVIEW DATE 01/13/2026
COMMENTS		
DID THE REVIEW OF THIS INCIDENT CONCLUDE THAT THE RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE WAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENTAL POLICY? Yes		