

Key West Police Department

Case 26001381

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Status	Approved
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Adam Lashley
Investigator	None
Reported At	03/21/26 04:15
Incident Date	03/21/26 04:15
Incident Code	S13V : Suspicious Vehicle
Location	2700 N ROOSEVELT BLVD, KEY WEST, FL 33040 (OVERSEAS MARKET)
Zone	Zone 3
Beat	B5
Disposition	4. Cleared as Arrest
Disposition Date/Time	03/21/26 05:05
Review for Gang Activity	Not Applicable

Offense Information

Offense	RESIST / OBSTRUCT OFFICER W/O VIOLENCE
Statute	843.02
NIBRS Code	90Z - All Other Offenses
Counts	1
Offense Details	Completed
Date	3/21/26
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Bias Motivation	None (no bias)
Location	Parking/Drop Lot/Garage
Entry Forced	No

Arrestee

LEFKOWITZ, ROBERT LESLIE Male, DOB 12/16/68 3390 GANDY BLVD N # 282 ST PETERSBURG, FL 33702	843.02 - RESIST / OBSTRUCT OFFICER W/O VIOLENCE - Completed
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Offender

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Vehicles

04BCHE - (Traffic Stop)

04BCHE FL - (Other)

Original Narrative By Adam Lashley, 03/21/26 06:07

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

Supplemental Narrative By James Young, 03/21/26 17:20

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.

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.

Supplemental Narrative By Sean Davis, 03/21/26 19:30

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 KWPD 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.

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.