

Key West Police Department

Case 26000457

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Status	Approved
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Matthew Johnson
Investigator	None
Reported At	01/29/26 14:24
Incident Date	01/29/26 14:24
Incident Code	S41 : Traffic Crash - With Injuries
Location	SOUTHARD ST / WHITEHEAD ST, KEY WEST, FL 33040
Zone	Zone 2
Beat	B2
Disposition	4. Cleared as Arrest
Disposition Date/Time	01/29/26 17:02
Review for Gang Activity	None

Offense Information

Offense	BATTERY ON LEO / FIREFIGHTER / EMT RECLASSIFIED
Statute	784.07-2b
NIBRS Code	13B - Simple Assault
Counts	1
Offense Details	Completed
Date	1/29/26
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Bias Motivation	Unknown (offenders motivation not known)
Location	Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk
Entry Forced	No
Forces Used	Other

Offense	DISORDERLY CONDUCT
Statute	877.03
NIBRS Code	90C - Disorderly Conduct
Counts	1
Offense Details	Completed
Date	1/29/26
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Bias Motivation	Unknown (offenders motivation not known)
Location	Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk
Entry Forced	No

Offense	RESIST OFFICER WITH VIOLENCE
Statute	843.01
NIBRS Code	90Z - All Other Offenses
Counts	1
Offense Details	Completed
Date	1/29/26
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Bias Motivation	Unknown (offenders motivation not known)
Location	Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk

Entry Forced No

Arrestee

HYLAND, SCOTT WILLIAM

Male, DOB 1/2/85
1976 HOVINGTON CIR E
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32246

784.07-2b - BATTERY ON LEO / FIREFIGHTER / EMT
RECLASSIFIED - Completed
877.03 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT - Completed
843.01 - RESIST OFFICER WITH VIOLENCE -
Completed

Offender

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843.01 - RESIST OFFICER WITH VIOLENCE -
Completed

Victim

HOWELL, WILLIAM NEIL

Male, DOB 7/26/85
1604 N ROOSEVELT BLVD
KEY WEST, FL 33040
(305) 809-1000 Home
(478) 297-5003 Cell
(305) 809-1000 Work
whowell@cityofkeywest-fl.gov Converted

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

Witness

BUNTING, CHRISTOPHER PAUL

Male, DOB 7/15/66
42026 PHEASANT CIR.
AVON, NC 27915
(919) 624-5730 Cell

877.03 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT - Completed
843.01 - RESIST OFFICER WITH VIOLENCE -
Completed

GOTTERER, WILLIAM MOSES

Male, DOB 7/28/94
82100 OVERSEAS HWY
ISLAMORADA, FL 33036
(413) 673-0086 Cell

877.03 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT - Completed
843.01 - RESIST OFFICER WITH VIOLENCE -
Completed

REGAN, SEAN O

Male, DOB 7/15/63
450 MISSISSIPPI RIVER BLVD S
SAINT PAUL, MN 55105
(651) 503-7250 Cell

877.03 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT - Completed
843.01 - RESIST OFFICER WITH VIOLENCE -
Completed

Other

MICHEL, JEAN LAMOUR

Male, DOB 9/23/87

818 WHITE ST STE 2
KEY WEST, FL 33040

(305) 834-0930 Home

Accident Victim: 877.03 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT -
Completed

Original Narrative By Matthew Johnson, 01/29/26 17:16

On Thursday, January 29, 2026, at approximately 1424 hours, I (Officer Johnson) responded to a crash with injuries and a physical fight at the green parrot par at Southard St and Whitehead St.

Upon arrival, I saw Officer Howell and Officer Fasula holding down a subject later identified as Scott Hyland. Scott Hyland was struggling and trying to shake off the officers and get away from them. There were also two FWC officers assisting in restraining Scott Hyland. I got a hobble device and used it to restrain the legs of Scott Hyland. I had a member of Key West Rescue monitor the vitals of Scott Hyland while we were forced to restrain him until he stopped struggling. Officer Howell had to tell Scott Hyland repeatedly to stop and stop moving. Scott Hyland appeared to be in a state of altered mental status. Scott Hyland was repeating incoherent statements over and over. Eventually we managed to get Scott Hyland onto a stretcher and into an ambulance for medical care. Scott Hyland was transported to Lower Keys Medical Center for treatment.

I called for a supervisor and began searching for witnesses and inspecting the scene. Officer Howell advised me that he was bitten by Scott Hyland and delivered strikes as a response to resistance (See Ofc Howell Supplemental). Officer Howell went to the hospital with Scott Hyland.

There were several vehicles involved in the crash on the scene: Black Buick GA Tag # CMA5602. Gray Toyota FL tag # 75DVTX. Black GMC Maryland Tag # JCS2579. The gray Toyota was driven by Jean Michel. Jean Michel was transported to the hospital due to crash injuries. The Black GMC was unoccupied and legally parked.

I located and met with witness William Gotterer. William Gotterer stated that a vehicle (Black Buick GA tag # CMA5602 driven by Scott Hyland) made a left hand turn from Southard St onto Whithead St. traveling at a high rate of speed. William Goterer stated that the driver hit a Gray Toyota (FL # 75DVTX) causing it to spin around. The drier then struck a parked Black GMC (MD # JCS2579). William Gotterer stated that the tired on the black Buick were still spinning after it struck the GMC. William Gotterer stated that the driver (Scott Hyland) then got out of the car and charged pedestrians on the sidewalk and began to physically fight with them.

I located and met with witness Christopher Bunting. Christopher Bunting stated that a black Buick was traveling at a high rate of speed and made a left hand turn from Southard St on to Whitehead St. Christopher Bunting stated that the black Buick struck a gray Toyota and then a black GMC. Christopher Bunting stated that the driver exited the vehicle and began to fight with pedestrians on the sidewalk.

I located and met with one of the pedestrians that was attacked by Scott Hyland and identified him as Sean Regan. Sean Regan stated that a black Buick was traveling at a high rate of speed and made a left hand turn from Southard St on to whitehead St. Sean Regan stated that the Buick struck a gray Toyota and a then a black GMC. Sean Regan stated that the driver (Scott Hyland) exited the vehicle. Sean Regan asked the driver if he was ok and the driver charged him. Sean Regan stated that the driver struck him in the head with his forearm. Sean Regan did not want to press charges for the battery.

I met with the manager of the green parrot Dani Fossum. Dani Fossum stated that the green parrot security cameras captured video of the incident. I reviewed the security footage. The video shows the black Buick turn left from Southard St to Whithead St at a high rate of speed. The video shows the Buick crash into the gray Toyota causing the Toyota to spin around. The Buick then goes off screen. Several seconds later a white male (Scott Hyland) can be seen sprinting across the road and attacks Sean Regan who was standing on the sidewalk. Sean Regan appears to be hit and escapes. The video shows the white male (Scott Hyland) proceed to attack another unidentified man. The unidentified man takes Scott Hyland to the ground. A group of people hold Scott Hyland on the ground until police take over. The video shows Ofc. Howell and Fasula restrain Scott Hyland until he is removed from the scene. I sent Dani Fossum an

Axon Community upload request to have the videos uploaded into evidence.com. I used my BWC to Record the video from the screen.

It was later reported that the black Buick driven by Scott Hyland was involved in another hit and run crashes. Officer Young completed crash reports and criminal citations for the crashes. See Ofc Young's crash reports. Case #26-459 and Case #26-460

I contacted Officer Howell. Officer Howell stated that Scott Hyland continued to resist while enroute to the hospital. Officer Howell stated that Scott Hyland tried to slip out of his handcuffs while enroute to the hospital. Officer Howell stated that he was bitten on the right hand and had a bite mark on the hand. See Officer Howell's Supplemental report.

Charges:

1 Count: Disorderly conduct FSS 877.03 Misdemeanor.

The defendant, Scott Hyland, engaged in brawling and fighting as an act of disorderly conduct.

1 Count: Battery on a law enforcement officer FSS 784.07 2b Felony

The defendant, Scott Hyland, did intentionally touch or strike Officer Howell by Biting him while resisting arrest. The battery was against Ofc Howell's will. Officer Howell was wearing full Key West police uniform and engaged in lawful law enforcement duties.

1 Count: Resisting arrest with violence. FSS 843.01 (1) Resisting, obstructing, or opposing, by offering or doing violence to a legal authorized person. Felony

The defendant, Scott Hyland, knowingly and willfully resisted a Police Officer in Full Key West Police uniform while in the lawful execution of a legal duty by offering violence to the officer in the form of biting him.

Supplemental Narrative By Danielle Fasulo, 01/29/26 17:48

On January 29, 2026, at approximately 1424 hours, Ofc. Howell and I were dispatched to Whitehead Street and Southern Street in reference to a traffic crash with injuries.

Upon arrival, there was a group of bystanders holding down an irate male in the street. The male appeared to be bleeding from the mouth and face. Ofc. Howell and I attempted to place the subject in handcuffs however, he refused to listen to verbal commands and continued to tense up and pull away. The male subject then bit Ofc. Howell on the right hand which caused Ofc. Howell to react and strike the male on the right side of the head. Two Florida Fish and Wildlife Officers (FWC) arrived on scene and were holding down the male subject's legs as he tried to kick back and up. With the help of Chief Investigator Frank Zamora (Assistant State Attorney's Office), I was able to place one handcuff on the male subjects left wrist. I then used a second pair of handcuffs provided by Ofc. Howell and was able to gain control of the male subject's right wrist. At this time, I was able to secure both wrists behind the subjects back. As I was handcuffing the male he continued to act belligerent and yelled nonsensical statements, continuously attempting to tense up and pull away.

Key West Fire/Rescue arrived on scene and Ofc. Howell and I, along with the officers on scene, assisted with putting the male on the stretcher. The male was then escorted to the ambulance and treated by medical personnel. While in the ambulance the male had to be chemically sedated due to his aggressive behavior.

At approximately 1428 hours, due to the subject's combative behavior, Ofc. Howell rode inside the ambulance and transported the patient to Lower Keys Medical Center.

The male was identified as Scott William Hyland DOB: 01/02/2026 by his Florida driver's license (H240478084000) which was found in his jacket pocket.

While admitted in the hospital the male subject had to be sedated at least three more times due to his aggressive behavior and continuous resisting.

Supplemental Narrative By William Howell, 01/29/26 19:17

On Thursday, 01/29/2026, at approximately 1424 hours, Probationary Ofc. Fasulo and I (Ofc. Howell) I were dispatched to Whitehead Street and Southern Street in reference to a traffic crash with injuries.

As we arrived, I observed a group of at least five or six passersby subduing and holding down an irate white male subject within the street, directly in front of 601 Whitehead Street (Green Parrot). The male appeared to be bleeding from his lips. As Ofc. Fasulo and I attempted to place the subject in handcuffs he continuously refused to comply with verbal commands and continued to tense up and pull away.

The male subject then bit my right hand, on the first two knuckles, biting through my glove. Due to the subject's actions, continuous aggression, and level of resistance rising; I reacted immediately and struck the male subject on the right side of the head. At the point, at least two Florida Fish and Wildlife Officers (FWC) arrived to the scene and maintained control of the male subject's legs as he tried to kick and thrash his legs about. With the help of Chief Investigator Frank Zamora (Assistant State Attorney's Office), Ofc. Fasulo was eventually able to place a handcuff on the male subject's left wrist. I provided a second pair of handcuffs provided to Probationary Ofc. Fasulo and she was able to gain control of the male subject's right wrist. At this time, we were able to secure both wrists behind the subject's back. As I was handcuffing the male he continued to act belligerent and yelled nonsensical statements, continuously attempting to tense up and pull away.

Shortly afterward, Key West Fire/Rescue arrived to the scene and the male subject was placed on a stretcher. While Key West Fire/Rescue attempting to provide medical care to the male subject in the ambulance the male had to be physically restrained and eventually was chemically sedated due to his extremely aggressive behavior. The subject attempted to bite at least one of the EMT's and also attempted to bite me again. Due to the subject's extremely combative behavior, I rode with Key West Fire/Rescue, inside the ambulance as the subject was transported to Lower Keys Medical Center Emergency Room.

At Lower Keys Medical Center Emergency Room, the male was eventually identified as Scott W. Hyland (DOB: 01/02/2026) by his Florida driver's license. At this point we were able to finally search his person and his belongings. At one point, Hyland ripped out the intubation tube and attempted to get up from the stretcher, after being chemically sedated. Hyland had to be physically restrained and chemically sedated at least three times due to his aggressive behavior and continuous resistance.

At this time, nothing further.

Supplemental Narrative By Daniel Wright, 01/29/26 19:55

On Thursday, January 29, 2026, at approximately 1730 hours, I, Officer Wright responded to 5900 College Rd., Lower Keys Medical Center, to relieve the officers on-duty with the subject from a previous vehicle crash (reference KYPD cases: 26-0457, 26-0458, 26-0459, 26-0460).

Upon arrival, I met with Officers Storey and Howell and relieved them from custody of the subject identified as Scott Hyland DOB 1/2/1985. Hyland was intubated and unconscious. At 1810 hours, I received a request from Sergeant Williams and Stutz to document Hyland's injuries. I utilized AXON Capture and took 18 photographs that were uploaded to evidence.com.

At approximately 2000 hours Hyland was transported via trauma star to Kendall Regional Hospital due to edema found on his brain.

Nothing follows.

Supplemental Narrative By Matthew Johnson, 02/02/26 10:22

On Monday, February 2, 2026, at approximately 1020 hours, I (Officer Johnson) obtained a warrant for the charges.

Warrant Information:

Name: Scott Hyland

Charges:

Count 1. Disorderly Conduct Bond \$2,500

Count 2. Battery on LEO Bond \$5,000

Count 3. Resisting and Officer with Violence Bond \$5,000

Judge B Helms

Date signed 02/02/26

Warrant # 25CF116AK