

Key West Police Department

Case 25005290

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Status	Approved
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Jorge Lopez
Investigator	None
Reported At	10/24/25 01:05
Incident Date	10/24/25 01:05 - 10/24/25 01:05
Incident Code	T50 : Traffic Stop
Location	WHITEHEAD ST / CAROLINE ST, KEY WEST
Zone	Zone 2
Beat	B1
Stationcode	None
Clearedbysuicide	False
Municipalitycode	None
Reviewingofficer	None
Disposition	4. Cleared as Arrest
Disposition Date/Time	10/24/25 04:34
Review for Gang Activity	None

Offense Information

Offense	RESIST / OBSTRUCT OFFICER W/O VIOLENCE
Statute	843.02
NIBRS Code	90Z - All Other Offenses
Counts	1
Offense Details	Completed
Date	Between 10/24/25 and 10/24/25
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Bias Motivation	None (no bias)
Location	Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk
Entry Forced	No

Arrestee

HACKETT, VINCENT LUCAS

Male, DOB 12/14/04

9 BLACKBERRY LN
CANDLER, NC 28715

843.02 - RESIST / OBSTRUCT OFFICER W/O
VIOLENCE - Completed

KEMP, JARED DONOVAN

Male, DOB 12/13/04

9 CLINGMANS VIEW DR
WHITTIER, NC 28789

843.02 - RESIST / OBSTRUCT OFFICER W/O
VIOLENCE - Completed

Offender

HACKETT, VINCENT LUCAS

Male, DOB 12/14/04

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CANDLER, NC 28715

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VIOLENCE - Completed**KEMP, JARED DONOVAN**

Male, DOB 12/13/04

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WHITTIER, NC 28789

843.02 - RESIST / OBSTRUCT OFFICER W/O
VIOLENCE - Completed**Victim**

FLORIDA, STATE OF

Unknown, DOB 3/3/1845

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843.02 - RESIST / OBSTRUCT OFFICER W/O
VIOLENCE - Completed**Vehicles**

L1040148672 NC - (Traffic Stop, Arrest)

2025 Blue Nissan Sentra

Original Narrative By Jorge Lopez, 10/24/25 04:22

On October 24, 2025, at approximately 0105 hours, I, Ofc. J. Lopez was traveling north near the 300 block of Duval Street. I observed a blue four-door vehicle traveling north near the above-mentioned area. I noticed the vehicle had a temporary tag. However, the temporary tag was unreadable, and it did not display the state where it was issued. There was a dark colored frame around the temporary tag as well. The vehicle approached the intersection of Duval Street and Caroline Street. The traffic light posted at the intersection was green. However, pedestrians were attempting to cross the street and the vehicle failed to yield the right-of-way to the pedestrians. The vehicle made a left turn onto Caroline Street and proceeded to travel west on the 400 block of Caroline Street. I stopped at the intersection, and I allowed the pedestrians to cross the street.

I was in a Key West Police marked vehicle equipped with emergency lights and sirens. I made a left turn onto Caroline Street, and I observed a vehicle that came to stop for a posted stop sign at the intersection of Caroline Street and Whitehead Street. I activated my emergency lights and sirens to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle. I observed the blue four-door vehicle illegally passing the vehicle at the stop sign and proceeded to make a left turn onto Whitehead Street. The blue four-door vehicle came to a final stop near the 300 block of Whitehead Street. At this time, the vehicle had violated the following violations.

F.S.S. 320.061 Obstructed tag.

F.S.S. 316.208 Failed to yield the right-of way to pedestrians.

F.S.S. 316.1925 Careless, (Illegally passing a vehicle on the left side at the intersection)

I provided Key West dispatch with the following temporary tag L1040148672. It should be noted this temporary tag had the following information at the bottom of the temporary tag, "Valid only in North Dakota."

On contact with the driver, I introduced myself to the driver and I provided him with the reason of the traffic stop. The driver said he stopped for the pedestrians and then he said, "They stopped for me." I explained to the driver that I even stopped for the pedestrians to allow them to cross the street. I informed the driver pedestrians have the right-of-way, and he said, "That doesn't matter." The driver was later identified with his North Carolina driver's license as Jared D. Kemp, (dob:12/13/2004). There was a second passenger seated on the front passenger seat of the vehicle. I

requested Kemp to provide me with his driver's license, registration and proof of insurance. Kemp did not provide me with the documents I requested and said, "I need to speak with a sergeant." I informed Kemp that I am required to call a sergeant to respond when I use my taser, someone gets injured or when I pulled someone out of vehicle. Kemp said, "I need a supervisor." I instructed Kemp to step out of the vehicle, or I was going to physically pull him out of the vehicle. Kemp just kept looking at me and he did not make any attempts to get out of the vehicle.

Due to the fact, Kemp failed to comply with my instructions while my official duties as an officer during a traffic stop and failure to comply to step out of the vehicle, I had to open the driver door of the vehicle to physically remove Kemp from the vehicle. I grabbed Kemp's left wrist and escorted him to the rear area of the vehicle to place handcuffs on him. Ofc. J. Gruba responded on scene, and I told Ofc. J. Gruba to watch the passenger and have the passenger step out of the vehicle for officer safety as it was unknown if there were any weapons inside the vehicle. The passenger was later identified as Vincent L. Hackett, (dob: 12/14/04). Ofc. J. Gruba instructed Hackett numerous times to step out of the vehicle and Hackett refused to follow Ofc. J. Gruba's verbal commands. I asked Kemp if he had any weapons on him or inside the vehicle. Kemp stated there was a BB Gun inside the vehicle. I instructed Kemp to sit down, and I walked over the passenger side of the vehicle to assist Ofc. J. Gruba removing Hackett from the vehicle.

Ofc. J. Gruba physically had to remove Hackett out of the vehicle, and I grabbed Hackett's right bicep area as he was escorted down to the ground due to amount of resistance he was using. I was able to gain control of Hackett's wrists in order for Ofc. J. Gruba to place handcuffs on Hackett. Hackett kept tensing up and attempting to turn the left side of his body as if he was attempting to turn his body towards Ofc. J. Gruba. Ofc. A. Lashley responded to the traffic stop and told Hackett to stop resisting. Ofc. A. Lashley was able to assist us with placing handcuffs on Hackett.

I escorted Kemp to the front hood of my vehicle where he was searched. My front Axon Fleet Camera was activated and body worn camera during this incident, 3722. Kemp was placed in the rear passenger seat of my patrol vehicle. Hackett was placed in the rear passenger seat of Ofc. J. Gruba.

Sgt. T. Stutz responded to the traffic stop and I explained my interaction with Kemp and Hackett. Sgt. T. Stutz then spoke with Kemp while he was in the rear seat of my patrol vehicle. My in-car Axon Fleet Camera was activated, 3722.

I located a black BB gun that appeared to be very similar to a handgun. The BB gun was located in the glove compartment of the vehicle. The BB Gun had the following serial number (22F54025). Ofc. A. Lashley used his Axon Capture App to photograph the BB Gun, and he later uploaded the photographs to the Evidence Axon Server.

I asked Ofc. D. Wright to verify the VIN of the vehicle with Key West Communications. The vehicle was a blue 2025 Nissan Sentra bearing VIN: (3N1AB8DV3SY206234) Key West Communications provided the following information on this vehicle.

Assigned tag: WD61150 issued from North Carolina.

Registration status: Expired as of 04/13/2025.

Registered owner: Vincent L. Hackett.

I transported Kemp to the Monroe County Detention Center. In-car Axon Fleet Camera was activated during transport. After an inventory search of the vehicle was completed by the officers on scene, the vehicle was towed by Arnold's Towing.

3 cellphones were retrieved from the vehicle, and I provided the cellphones to the correction deputies to be placed in Kemp's property bag.

Kemp was issued the following UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATION: ALXL6ZE, (Failed to yield right-of-way to pedestrians)

Kemp was issued the following UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATION: ALXL70E, (Careless driving, for illegally passing a vehicle at an intersection) it should be noted there was a significant number of pedestrians in the area due to the events taking place in the of Caroline Street and Duval Street.

I told Kemp the citation he was issued and advised him to review the options on the back of his citations for him to take action with the next 30 days. This was captured with my body worn camera, 3722.

Despite the lack of judgment exhibited by Kemp, I did not issue a citation for the expiration of the registration on the

vehicle. I decided the best course of action was to address the traffic violations that placed the safety of pedestrians at risk made by his poor decisions.

Based on the facts and evidence, Jared D. Kemp, did knowingly, willfully refuse and opposed following my verbal commands during a lawful traffic stop. I was performing my duties as an officer when I requested Kemp to provide me with his license, registration and proof of insurance. Kemp failed to produce the required documents. I then instructed Kemp to step out of the vehicle, or I was going to remove him from the vehicle. Kemp did not make any attempts to step out of the vehicle, and I had to remove him from the vehicle after he failed to comply. I was wearing my blue class B uniform with the Key West Police Insignia on my sleeves. Despite the fact I initially identified myself as an officer, Kemp still refused and opposed following lawful verbal commands. Contrary to F.S.S. 843.02

Supplemental Narrative By Jack Gruba, 10/24/25 02:31

On 10/24/2025, at approximately 0105 hours, I, Ofc. Gruba, assisted Ofc. Lopez on a traffic stop at Whitehead and Caroline St.

Upon arrival, I heard Ofc. Lopez requesting the driver, Jared Kemp, out of the vehicle. Kemp appeared to be very argumentative with Ofc. Lopez. Ofc. Lopez got Kemp out of the vehicle. Ofc. Lopez asked me to get the passenger, Vincent Hackett, out of the vehicle. I told Hackett several time to get out of the vehicle. Hackett refused my commands. I attempted a wrist-lock to gain pain compliance from Hackett. Hackett still would not come out of the vehicle. I reached across Hackett and unbuckled his seatbelt. I grabbed Hackett's left arm and pulled him out of the vehicle. Hackett continued to resist by planting and holding himself down in his seat throughout my efforts. I escorted Hackett to the nearby sidewalk, placing him chest down. I placed handcuffs on Hackett and into the back of by patrol vehicle.

I transported Hackett to jail.

My BWC and Axon-Fleet were activated.

End of supplemental.