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TO: Citizen's Review Board

FROM: Lieutenant Jeffrey Dean

DATE: 5/21/2026

RE: 26-001 Complaint

I have reviewed the BWC and reports in reference to this case (see attached).

Upon review of the video, it is clear the arrestee, Reinert, did fail the field sobriety exercises. Based on Reinert's own admission, she did have an alcoholic beverage prior to driving. Although that does not necessarily mean Reinert was under the influence at the time, the smell of alcohol coupled with her failure of the field sobriety exercise, is probable cause for arrest.

In reference to Reinert's complaint of not showing to be under the influence of alcohol during her breath test, this does not automatically negate the probable cause. Officer Williams was within his authority to request a urine sample.

In terms of the collection of the sample itself, obviously the collection of urine is not something that is recorded on BWC. As there was no video for me to review, I cannot speak to the way the urine was initially collected, other than the second sample being collected appropriately based on Officer Williams' report. At this time, it is unclear if her initial sample was in reference to this case or if it was part of a standard medical screening upon being taken into the Monroe County Detention Center (most likely). Either way, Officer Williams' report adds to the confusion around this issue and will be addressed with his supervisors for retraining.

In terms of Reinert's complaint of anxiety and not receiving medical attention, upon review of the video, it is clear that Reinert is not in any obvious state of medical emergency at the time of the field sobriety exercises. It would be unreasonable for a law enforcement officer to assume every possible intoxicated driver failed field sobriety exercises because they were nervous.

Additionally, Reinert was seen by a nurse at MCDC as is every arrestee. In order to be accepted into MCDC, every arrestee goes through a physical to make sure there are no immediate medical issues. Arrestees are often rejected and require further medical clearance from the ER. Reinert was not rejected.



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I am unable to speak to Reinert being allowed to wear her hoodie while in MCDC, as the Key West Police Department has no authority over the policies and procedures there.

This response should in no way be considered an indication of a Reinert's guilt or innocence. That is a court issue. Based on this review, I have determined that Officer Williams did not violate any KWPD policy or Florida State statute.



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