

Key West Police Department

Case 26001846

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Status	Approved
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Bryce Sonnichsen
Investigator	None
Reported At	04/15/26 09:30
Incident Date	04/15/26 09:30
Incident Code	S22V : Disturbance - Verbal
Location	3704 N ROOSEVELT BLVD, KEY WEST, FL 33040 (MCDONALDS HAMBURGERS)
Zone	Zone 3
Beat	B5
Disposition	4. Cleared as Arrest
Disposition Date/Time	04/15/26 10:50
Review for Gang Activity	None

Offense Information

Offense	DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON THE PREMISES OF AN ESTABLISHMENT; DETE
Statute	509.143
NIBRS Code	90C - Disorderly Conduct
Counts	1
Offense Details	Completed
Date	4/15/26
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Bias Motivation	Anti-Black or African American
Location	Restaurant
Entry Forced	No

Offense	RESIST / OBSTRUCT OFFICER W/O VIOLENCE
Statute	843.02
NIBRS Code	90Z - All Other Offenses
Counts	1
Offense Details	Completed
Date	4/15/26
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Bias Motivation	Anti-Black or African American
Location	Restaurant
Entry Forced	No

Offense	TRESPASS ON PROPERTY OTHER THAN STRUCTURE OR CONVEYANCE
Statute	810.09-1a1
NIBRS Code	90J - Trespass of Real
Counts	1
Offense Details	Completed
Date	4/15/26
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Bias Motivation	Anti-Black or African American
Location	Restaurant
Entry Forced	No

Arrestee

HARDY, CHANDRA A

Female, DOB 7/10/75
8775 SW 80TH AVE.
GAINESVILLE, FL 32608

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

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Victim

MCDONALDS

3704 N ROOSEVELT BLVD
KEY WEST, FL 33040
(305) 293-7606 Home
(305) 293-7606 Work
(305) 296-5800 Home
(305) 296-5800 Work

509.143 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON THE PREMISES OF AN ESTABLISHMENT; DETE - Completed
810.09-1a1 - TRESPASS ON PROPERTY OTHER THAN STRUCTURE OR CONVEYANCE - Completed

Unspecified

EAN HOLDINGS LLC

STEPHENS, ROMADO LAEDWARD

Male, DOB 5/2/80
3075 FLAGLER AVE UNIT 19
KEY WEST, FL 33040
(305) 205-9976 Home
(305) 292-4061 Work

Vehicles

JKYB74 FL - (Other)
2026 White Chrysler
Owner EAN HOLDING LLC

Original Narrative By Bryce Sonnichsen, 04/15/26 12:03

On 4/15/2026 at approximately 0931 hours, I (Ofc. Sonnichsen) responded to 3704 N Roosevelt Blvd in reference to a

woman screaming within the establishment.

I arrived on scene to find Chandra A. Hardy (later identified by Florida drivers license) recording Romado L. Stephens (Manager) I asked Hardy to step outside of the establishment several times. Hardy kept screaming "why are you doing the white man's bidding!" and "Black gatekeeper!". I had to physically escort Hardy out of McDonalds, once we stepped out of the establishment, I had told Hardy to calm down and attempted to identify her. Hardy stated, "no that is not going to be the first thing you do." And began to walk away from me. I quickly grabbed Hardy's left arm when she physically pulled her arm back and struck my arm with her's. I told Hardy to place her hands behind her back and continuously told her to stop resisting. Hardy continued to resist my lawful commands, and I requested a backup officer due to Hardy's behavior.

At this point in I was physically restraining Hardy against the building of McDonalds while she continued to scream. I continued to tell Hardy to place her hands behind her back and she failed to listen to the several commands. Ofc. Haynie then arrived on scene and assisted in securing Hardy in handcuffs. While securing Hardy, she continued to disregard lawful commands from Ofc. Haynie. Ofc. Haynie told her that if she did not place her hand behind her back she would be tased. Hardy did not place her hands behind her back and Ofc. Haynie drive stunned Hardy in her lower left back.

Hardy was escorted to my patrol vehicle where she was searched incident to arrest. Ofc. Haynie assisted in the search of Hardy's belongings. I checked the handcuffs for proper fitting and ensured the handcuffs were double locked.

I spoke with Romado regarding the incident that occurred within the establishment. Romado stated that he had seen Hardy within the establishment and was not there to consume food but to use the Wi-Fi. Romado informed Hardy of a rule that McDonalds has and she quickly began to act irrational calling several names to include "White gatekeeper, black nigger, black gay dude" and statements such as "You need to be in jail where all the black people are." Romado then asked Hardy to leave several times in which she refused and began to video tape him with her cell phone. Romado was offended and wished to pursue charges.

At this time SPCA arrived on scene to take control of a canine that Hardy had in possession within her rental vehicle. The canine was taken into custody of the animal control officer and transported to the SPCA facility.

Hardy was transported to the Monroe County Detention Center. Due to needing medical clearance, she was then transported to Lower Keys Medical Center. Hardy was evaluated for shoulder pain and for the signature marks left by the taser and medically cleared. She was then transported back to Monroe County Detention Center.

Due to the totality of circumstances, I found probable cause on 4/15/2026 that Chandra A. Hardy did violate F.S.S 843.02, resist/obstruct officer without violence, by refusing to identify herself after being asked several times as well as not following lawful commands from several uniformed officers.

Due to the totality of circumstances, I found probable cause on 4/15/2026 that Chandra A. Hardy did violate F.S.S 810.09-1a1, trespass on property other than structure or conveyance due not leaving when asked to leave by the manager or from uniformed officers.

Due to the totality of circumstances, I found probable cause on 4/15/2026 that Chandra A. Hardy did violate 509.143, disorderly conduct on the premises of an establishment due to causing a disturbance within the establishment creating a hostile environment and corrupting the public sense of morals.

My body worn camera was activated for the event.

Cleared by arrest.

Supplemental Narrative By Thomas Haynie, 04/15/26 10:17

On Wednesday, April 15, 2026, around 9:30 AM, I was dispatched to the McDonald's Restaurant at 3704 North Roosevelt Boulevard for an irate, female customer who was screaming.

Officer Bryce Sonnichsen was first on scene. Officer Sonnichsen aired over KWPD Channel One, calling for backup. I expedited my response by activating my overhead lights and sirens. On scene, I observed Officer Sonnichsen struggling with a female on the walkway outside the door to the McDonalds. Officer Sonnichsen was giving the female loud, verbal commands to put her hands behind her back. The female was yelling and flailing around. Officer Sonnichsen had a hold of the woman's right arm. I grabbed her left arm and gave loud, verbal commands, ordering the woman to place her hands behind her back. The woman continued to yell and flail around. I warned the woman she would be tased. I made use of my department issued taser and delivered a single drive-stun to the woman's lower left back. The drive stun seemed to be effective in gaining compliance as the woman's arms went limp and she placed her hands behind her back. Officer Sonnichsen assisted me with placing my handcuffs around the woman's wrists.

I aired over KWPD Channel One that I used my taser and had a person in custody. I requested a supervisor via KWPD Channel One. I assisted Officer Sonnichsen with placing the woman into the back of his patrol car. The woman continued to yell, flail around, and stiffened her posture making it difficult for us to walk her to the car. I assisted with the search of her belongings incident to arrest.

I requested the FKSPCA in reference to the dog that the woman mentioned was in her rental van. The FKSPCA responded and took possession of the dog. I secured the rental van and gave the keys to Officer Sonnichsen.

I activated my bodycam during this call.