

Key West Police Department

Case 25003273

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Status	Approved
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Jorge Lopez
Investigator	None
Reported At	06/13/25 23:03
Incident Date	06/13/25 23:03
Incident Code	T50 : Traffic Stop
Location	500 DUVAL ST, KEY WEST, FL 33040 (CVS PHOTO - 500 DUVAL)
Zone	Beat 1
Beat	B1

Disposition	Case Report Created
Disposition Date/Time	06/13/25 23:24
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	6/13/25
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Details	Offender(s) Used Alcohol
Bias Motivation	Unknown (offenders motivation not known)
Location	Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk
Entry Forced	No
Forces Used	Other, Personal Weapons

Offense	RESIST OFFICER WITH VIOLENCE
Statute	843.01
NIBRS Code	90Z - All Other Offenses
Counts	1
Offense Details	Completed
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Entry Forced	No

Arrestee

BENDER, ARTHUR WILLIS

Male, DOB 3/17/69

6175 MADDOX BLVD

CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND, VA 23336

843.01 - RESIST OFFICER WITH VIOLENCE -
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Offender

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RECLASSIFIED - Completed**Witness**

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RECLASSIFIED - Completed**Vehicles**

IKWE83 FL - (Traffic Stop)

Original Narrative By Jorge Lopez, 06/14/25 03:06

On June 13, 2025, at approximately 2303 hours, Ofc. J. Harris conducted a traffic stop on a golf cart near the intersection of Duval Street and Fleming Street. I, Ofc. J. Lopez started driving towards the 500 block of Duval Street to back Ofc. Harris.

When I arrived on scene, I observed a marked Key West Police Vehicle facing south on the 500 block of Duval Street. Ofc. Harris was inside her assigned marked vehicle and had its emergency lights activated at the time. I observed a golf cart parked on the side of the road, (Duval Street). The golf cart Ofc. Harris initiated the traffic stop on was bearing Florida registration IKWE83. I was in a marked Key West Police Vehicle, and I parked my vehicle near the San Carlos Institute located at 516 Duval Street to prevent road blockage.

As soon as I stepped out of my vehicle, I observed Ofc. M. Flores standing on the front passenger side of the golf cart. As I was walking up towards the golf cart, I noticed an unknown white male yelling at Ofc. Flores as he also extended his left arm to point in her direction. I noticed the unknown male's upper body leaning forward as he continued yelling and pointing at Ofc. Flores.

As I walked closer, I heard the unknown male yelling, "If I were to do this" as he began poorly performing jumping jacks. The unknown male said, "I can do this" as he began hopping towards the right side of his body. The unknown male kept hopping away from Ofc. Flores and almost bumping into me had I not stopped walking. We were in the middle of the sidewalk at this point. The unknown male then turned his body towards the right side of his body and yelled, "I can do this right?" as he looked at me. I instructed the unknown male to not to get any closer to me as he continued hopping over the sidewalk with his arms extended. The unknown began yelling, "Have I done anything illegal?" and a young female seated on the golf cart began yelling, "Stop please!"

The unknown male was later identified with his Virginia driver's license as Arthur Willis Bender, (dob:03/17/1969).

Bender continued hopping over the sidewalk and yelling he could keep doing what he is doing, as he continued hoping. Ofc. Flores can be heard informing Bender it is call officer safety and interrupted Ofc. Flores. Bender was captured taking four steps towards Ofc. Flores as he used his two hands pointing in her direction and screaming, "Because you are cops, but I am a citizen" and then proceeded to take one more step closer to Ofc. Flores. Bender was approximately 3-4 feet away from where Ofc. Flores was standing. Bender extended his left arm to point at the golf cart as he screamed about what he had done wrong. Bender yelled, "If you want to write him tickets fine but I was sitting in the back!" and Bender began hopping towards my direction. Bender was approximately 3 feet away from where I was standing. Bender then kept hoping to the left side of his body, positioning himself in front of Ofc. Flores as he screamed, "I can do this!" and then extending his arms towards Ofc. Flores, and Bender's hands came close to Ofc. Flores upper body, (Approximately 15-20 inches).

At this point, Bender had said he was seated in the golf cart and making sudden movements by hopping over the sidewalk, screaming, and exhibiting erratic behavior.

I had to raise my voice over Bender's screaming to tell him to keep his hands away from Ofc. Flores. Bender then walked up to my direction and screamed, "Don't kill me" over and over. Bender walked approximately 2-3 feet away from where I was standing and began leaning his upper body towards me to scream closer to my face. After I gave him clear instructions not to extend his hands close to Ofc. Flores, Bender willingly walked towards me in an aggressive manner as he continued screaming. I attempted to grab Bender's right wrist, and he began pulling his body away from me. I told Bender to stop. However, Bender turned his body towards the right side of his body, and I performed a leg sweep takedown technique to escort him to the ground. Once Bender was on the ground, I grabbed his right wrist and placed it behind his back. Bender pulled his left arm away from me and Ofc. Flores instructed Bender to give me his hand as I was attempting to gain control of his left hand. A witness attempted to assist us, and Ofc. Harris stepped in to assist. I began placing handcuffs on Bender and I instructed him to stop tensing up. I was able to place handcuffs on Bender shortly after.

I immediately requested Sgt. M. del Valle and Key West Fire Rescue to respond to evaluate Bender. Ofc. Flores and I positioned Bender's body in a recovery position. Bender attempted to move his left wrist towards his front pocket. I moved his wrists towards his back, and I instructed him to stop reaching his pockets. Bender yelled, "I hope you die and your Goddam family fucking dies!"

I kept control of Bender's wrists while Ofc. Flores kept control of Bender's left shoulder and elbow. Bender kept moving his upper body and Ofc. Flores instructed him to stop moving. Bender turned his head towards Ofc. Flores and spat on her. Ofc. Flores rolled Bender over, face down to prevent getting spit from Bender. Ofc. Flores instructed Bender to stop spitting.

Sgt. M. del Valle responded to the scene and spoke with Bender.

Ofc. D. Kristina responded to the scene as well and he assisted me walking Bender to the front hood of my patrol vehicle. Bender was searched by Ofc. Flores while Ofc. Kristina was present. This was captured with my in-car front camera, 3722.

This incident was recorded with my body worn camera, 3722.

Ofc. Kristina placed Bender on the rear passenger side of my patrol vehicle. I transported Bender to the Lower Keys Medical Center to get him medically cleared first. My in-car Axon camera was activated during the transport, 3722.

Bender was evaluated and medically cleared shortly after. I then transported Bender to the Monroe County Detention Center, my in-car Axon camera was activated during the transport.

Based on the facts and evidence, Arthur Bender did knowingly and willfully oppose following verbal commands from Ofc. Flores and myself as well. Ofc. Flores and I were assisting Ofc. Harris during a legal traffic stop. Bender was initially seated on the back seat of the golf cart Ofc. Harris conducted the traffic stop on. However, Bender exited the golf cart and began disregarding Ofc. Flores verbal commands during the traffic stop. Bender continued extending his arms towards Ofc. Flores and leaning his upper body towards Ofc. Flores and I. When I attempted to put Bender into custody, he pulled his body away from me. While Ofc. Flores and I held Bender, he proceeded to turn his face towards Ofc. Flores and untimely spat on Ofc. Flores. Bender yelled, "I hope you die and your Goddam family fucking dies!" Ofc. Harris, Ofc. Flores and I were wearing our police class B uniform with the Key West Police Insignia on our sleeves and recognizable as police officers. Contrary to F.S.S. 843.01

Based on the facts and evidence, Arthur Bender did knowingly and willfully turn his head towards Ofc. Flores to spit on her while she and I were performing our duties as police officers. Bender yelled, "I hope you die and your Goddam family fucking dies!" Contrary to F.S.S. 784.07.2(B).

Supplemental Narrative By Jack Gruba, 06/13/25 23:46

On 06/13/2025, at approximately 2300 hours, I, Ofc. Gruba, arrived on scene at 500 Duval St.

Upon arrival, the suspect was in custody. I got the witness' information. The witness was identified as David Reeves. Reeves told me he saw the suspect acting erratic toward the officers. Officers had the suspect on the ground. Reeves saw the suspect spit at the officers. Reeves assisted by holding the suspect's legs down until other officers arrived on scene.

End involvement.

My BWC was activated.

End of report.

Supplemental Narrative By Kathryn Hansell, 06/14/25 02:18

On 6/13/2025 at approximately 2300 hours, I Officer K. Hansell, was on foot patrol in the 200 block of Duval Street when I heard Officer Harris call out a traffic stop in the 500 block of Duval Street.

A short time later I heard Officer Lopez, who had called out as a back up to Officer Harris, call out via COMM1 that he needed a supervisor for a use of force. I could hear a male yelling in the back ground as Officer Lopez keyed his radio to talk.

I drove my marked patrol vehicle to the 500 block of Duval Street where the stop had occurred. As I arrived I could hear a male's voice yelling and saw Officers Lopez and Flores restraining a male on the sidewalk. As I approached I also observed Officer Christina had retrieved leg shackles form his patrol vehicle. I assisted in shackling the male's legs at his ankles, as he was trying to kick officers.

I also observed a white male in civilian clothes. After the male was secured, I briefly spoke with the male who stated he had seen the entire incident. I asked him to wait on the sidewalk. Another officer gathered the witnesses information.

Rescue arrived on scene and briefly spoke with the arrested male who was still screaming and cussing at this point. The male was searched and placed into Officer Lopez's marked patrol vehicle and transported to Lower Keys Medical Center due to his injuries.

I had no further involvement in the case.

My BWC was activated during the incident and downloaded for review.

NFA/NFI

Supplemental Narrative By Madilyn Flores, 06/14/25 04:31

On 06/13/2025 at approximately 2313 hours, I (Ofc. Flores) arrived at the intersection of Flemming Street and Duval Street to assist with a traffic stop. The traffic stop was conducted on a golf cart that was occupied by three people.

Upon arrival, while speaking with Ofc. Harris about the stop, a male sitting on the rear of the golf cart got up and began to walk away from the stop. Ofc. Harris advised that the male had already done this a few times but hadn't walked away fully from the stop. At this time, I walked up to the passenger side of the vehicle and began to speak with the front passenger to see why the male was acting like this.

The male was later identified as Arthur W. Bender (DOB: 03/17/1969, Arrestee) with his Virginia driver's license.

The front passenger advised that Bender was upset about the traffic stop and when asked if Bender had been drinking alcohol tonight, she stated he had. When Bender began to approach the vehicle, she told him not to say anything. At this time, Bender was advised to get back in the vehicle and stop moving around, as it was an issue for officer safety. At this time, Bender began to raise his voice and ask if he had 'broken any laws.' Bender continued to raise his voice, stating that he could leave if he wanted to and that the driver of the golf cart had not done anything wrong. During this, Bender began to jump around the sidewalk, almost jumping into Ofc. Lopez as he approached and asked if he had 'done anything illegal' multiple times. At this time, Bender began to yell, getting close to myself and Ofc. Lopez. At this time, the female passenger walked up and when I advised her to step back. When I looked back at Ofc. Lopez, he and Bender were on the ground. I assisted Ofc. Lopez in controlling Bender's arms for him to handcuff the male and commanded him to 'give his arm' to Ofc. Lopez. I also commanded Bender to 'stay down on the ground,' to prevent the male from resisting further. At the direction of Ofc. Lopez, once we had control of Bender and he was placed in handcuffs, he was rolled onto his right side.

While Bender was on his side, he began to become verbally combative and attempted to sit up. I commanded Bender to 'stay down' during his attempt to sit up. Bender then began to state that he 'hopes we die' before continuing to state that our families should die. While this was occurring, the female passenger asked a question for one of us to speak with her before Ofc. Lopez and I advised her that it would be a moment. Bender continued to be verbally combative about Ofc. Lopez and I's families before continuing to resist. When I repeatedly told Bender to stop moving, he then spat in my direction, towards my face. I then began to push Bender back onto the sidewalk, to ensure he did not have sight of Ofc. Lopez or I if he spat again. Bender then began to spit again, before I commanded him to stop. Bender then appears to turn his head towards me and spat again. Bender spat a total of three times.

I repositioned myself at Bender's legs since he began to kick them and stayed there until other officers arrived.

I assisted in taking Bender to Ofc. Lopez's marked patrol vehicle and searched Bender's person.

It should be noted that during this incident, Ofc. Lopez and I were both in our issued Key West Police Department uniforms that contain a silver police badge on our chests and our police insignia on our sleeves.

This concludes my involvement with the case.

Supplemental Narrative By Johnasia Harris, 06/14/25 05:09

On 06/13/2025, at approximately 2302 hours, I, Ofc. J. Harris, was driving south on Duval St, when a Golf Cart. The driver of the Gold Cart did not yield to oncoming traffic, recklessly making a right turn without due regard for traffic or pedestrians, and almost hitting my Patrol Vehicle. In response, I conducted a Traffic Stop on 500 Duval St.

I explained to the driver, who was later identified by driver's license as Paul Rodriguez, the reason for the traffic stop, as I was writing a Citation, I noticed that the male passenger left the Golf Cart and started walking towards my patrol vehicle. I asked the suspect to remain in the golf cart. The suspect walked back to the golf cart, visibly upset.

Ofc. Flores attempted to get the male back inside the vehicle after he had walked away from the golf cart for the second time. The male passenger proceeded to approach Ofc. Flores in an aggressive manner "screaming, yelling, and balling up his fist while approaching her".

Ofc. Flores asked the suspect to calm down several times and to back up, but instead of listening, the suspect ignored her verbal command. Ofc. Jorge Lopez attempted to get the suspect to calm down, and the suspect began to behave in the same manner.

After several attempts to get the suspect to calm down, Ofc. Jorge Lopez utilized a takedown technique, assisting the suspect to the ground in a controlled manner.

I left my patrol vehicle, and I could visually see the suspect continuing to resist the verbal commands given to him by both officers. After Ofc. Jorge Lopez placed the suspect in handcuffs. I continued to issue a citation to the driver of the Golf cart.

The male passenger was still resisting and attempting to spit at both officers, Lopez and Flores, in an attempt to finish the traffic stop. An off-duty Law Enforcement Officer helped secure the suspect while several other backup units arrived to secure the scene.

Supervisor Marcus De Valle arrived at the scene, as well as EMS.

Nothing Further to report.

Property / Evidence

Item #	Category	Type	Status	Location	Description
25003273-001		Digital	In Digital Files		Web Link - BWC 3722
25003273-002		Digital	In Digital Files		Web Link - Fleet 3722