

**KEY WEST POLICE DEPT.**1604 N. ROOSEVELT BLVD.
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Response to Resistance EVT-00001218-1

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Primary Officer: Stutz, Thomas (3138)

Overview

Event Information

Reporting

A RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE REPORT WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE SUPERVISOR FOR (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- A response through the use of non-lethal weapons
- Applies weaponless physical force of strikes, kicks, or "take-downs"
- Discharge of firearm in the line of duty, off-duty or on-duty (other than for training, maintenance or ballistics testing)
- When any person complains of injury as a result of the application of force
- When any person sustains an apparent substantial or fatal injury as a result of the application of force

Event Details

INCIDENT ID 0126000024	DATE 01/01/2026	TIME 21:26
LOCATION 724 DUVAL ST, KEY WEST FL 33040		
INCIDENT TYPE S34 - Trespass/Unwanted Person		
OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED? N - No		

Persons

STRAITIFF, BRANDON LEE

Person Role

ROLE Subject

Person Details

LAST NAME STRAITIFF	FIRST NAME BRANDON	MIDDLE NAME LEE	SUFFIX
DOB 06/12/1996	AGE 29	SEX M	RACE W
ETHNICITY Not Hispanic or Latino	HEIGHT 6' 0"	WEIGHT 190	CLOTHING TYPE Thin

Identifying Documents

Document

ID TYPE Driver's License

Persons (continued)

STRAITIFF, BRANDON LEE (continued)

ISSUING STATE Florida	
ID NUMBER S635175843000	
EXPIRATION DATE 06/12/2034	CLASS CLASS E
RESTRICTIONS	

Contact

Address

ADDRESS TYPE H - Home
LOCATION 5537 COLLEGE RD, KEY WEST FL 33040

Phone Number

PHONE NUMBER TYPE Home	PHONE NUMBER
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E-Mail

Response to Resistance Circumstances

DID YOU OBSERVE THE SUBJECT? Yes
APPEARED TO BE <input type="checkbox"/> Emotionally/Mentally disturbed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intoxicated <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under the influence of controlled substance
SUBJECT ARRESTED Yes

Officers

Gruba, Jack (4156)

Officer Details

ROLE Involved	OFFICER / EMPLOYEE Gruba, Jack (4156)	POSITION Officer	DIVISION Night Patrol Division
PATROL SHIFT Alpha Night Shift		EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE 4	
UNIFORMED OR PLAIN CLOTHES Uniformed		EMPLOYEE WAS ON DUTY On Duty	

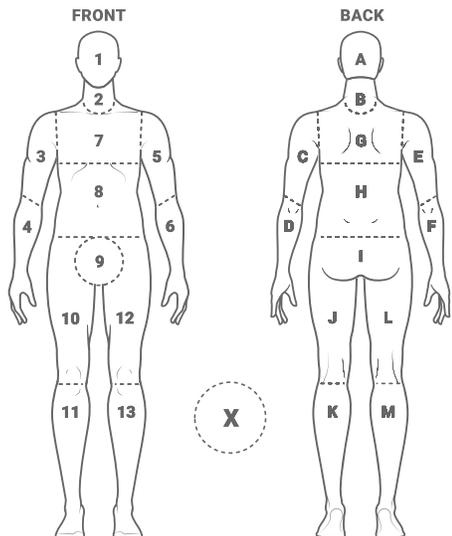
EMPLOYEE RACE White	EMPLOYEE ETHNICITY Not Hispanic or Latino	EMPLOYEE SEX Male
EMPLOYEE AGE 30	EMPLOYEE HEIGHT 6' 0"	EMPLOYEE WEIGHT 195

Officers (continued)

Gruba, Jack (4156) (continued)

INJURIES No

BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) ACTIVATED DURING INCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes



Christina, Dustin (4415)

Officer Details

ROLE Involved	OFFICER / EMPLOYEE Christina, Dustin (4415)	POSITION Officer	DIVISION Night Patrol Division
PATROL SHIFT Alpha Night Shift		EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE 1	
UNIFORMED OR PLAIN CLOTHES Uniformed		EMPLOYEE WAS ON DUTY On Duty	

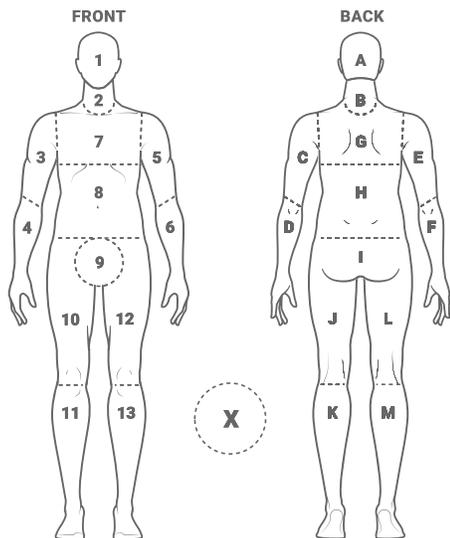
EMPLOYEE RACE White	EMPLOYEE ETHNICITY Not Hispanic or Latino	EMPLOYEE SEX Male
EMPLOYEE AGE 39	EMPLOYEE HEIGHT 6' 1"	EMPLOYEE WEIGHT 200

INJURIES No

BODY WORN CAMERA (BWC) ACTIVATED DURING INCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

Officers (continued)

Christina, Dustin (4415) (continued)



Response Action

Response Action

FORCE USED AGAINST P - Person
PERSON FORCE USED AGAINST STRAITIFF, BRANDON LEE
RESISTANCE LEVEL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive <input type="checkbox"/> Deadly Force <input type="checkbox"/> Passive
EXPLANATION OF RESISTANCE LEVEL Subject continually pushed his legs outside vehicle door to attempt to defeat officers attempts to place him into custody. Subject later slipped his handcuffs to the front and was combative with KWFD personnel who were attempting to conduct assessment and treatment. Subject pulled away from officers when they attempted to regain control of his arms to move his handcuff back to the rear when preparing him for transport by KWFD.

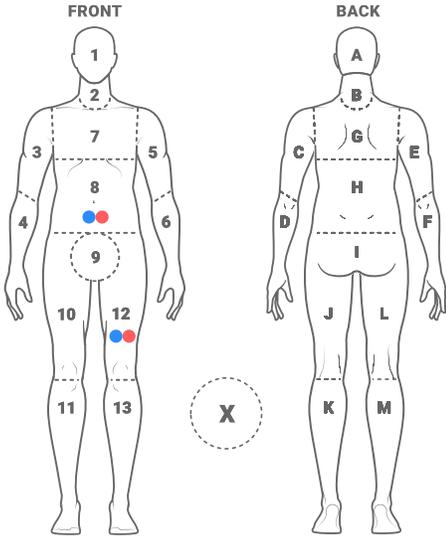
Force

Force

INVOLVED OFFICER Gruba, Jack (4156)	FORCE TYPE TASER CEW
DISTANCE BETWEEN OFFICER AND SUBJECT (FT) 0	NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS 2
CEW MODEL TASER 7	CEW ACTION Drive Stun
SERIAL NUMBER X40018072	

Response Action (continued)

Response Action



Force Location

BODY REGION Left Front Thigh	DETAILED LOCATION Left Front Thigh (Unspecified)
NUMBER OF IMPACTS 1	INJURY SUSTAINED FROM DIRECT FORCE Evident
TREATED Yes	TREATED BY Hospital
INJURY DETAILS Contact burns	PHOTOGRAPHED Yes

BODY REGION Abdomen	DETAILED LOCATION Lower Abdomen
NUMBER OF IMPACTS 1	INJURY SUSTAINED FROM DIRECT FORCE Evident
TREATED Yes	TREATED BY Hospital
INJURY DETAILS Contact Burns	PHOTOGRAPHED Yes

Related Injuries

Response Action

FORCE USED AGAINST P - Person	
PERSON FORCE USED AGAINST STRAITIFF, BRANDON LEE	
RESISTANCE LEVEL	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggressive
<input type="checkbox"/> Passive	<input type="checkbox"/> Deadly Force

Response Action (continued)

Response Action

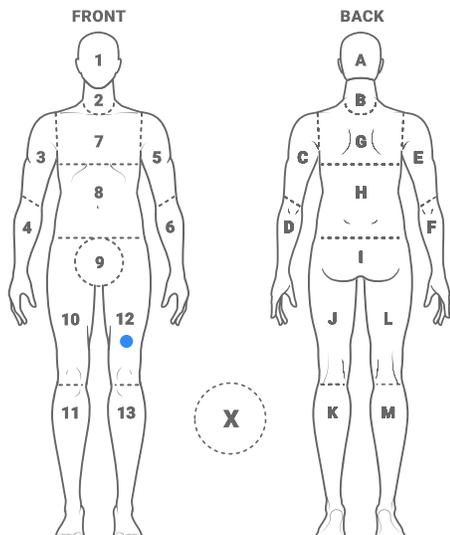
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Force

Force

INVOLVED OFFICER Christina, Dustin (4415)	FORCE TYPE Hands-On - Strikes/Kicks
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS 2	



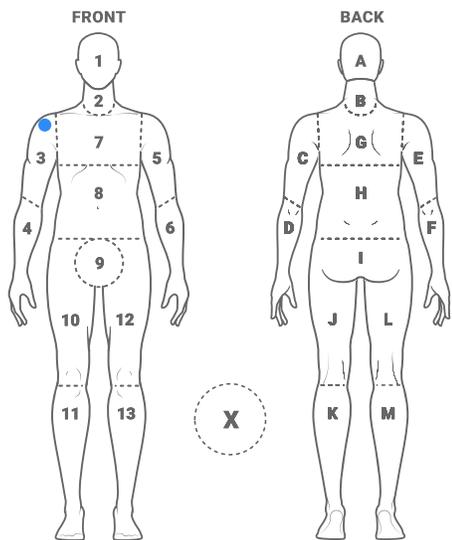
Force Location

BODY REGION Left Front Thigh	DETAILED LOCATION Left Front Thigh (Unspecified)
NUMBER OF IMPACTS 2	INJURY SUSTAINED FROM DIRECT FORCE No injury
PHOTOGRAPHED Yes	

INVOLVED OFFICER Christina, Dustin (4415)	FORCE TYPE Hands-On - Joint Locks/Manipulations
NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS 1	

Response Action (continued)

Response Action



Force Location

BODY REGION Right Front Upper Arm	DETAILED LOCATION Right Front Shoulder
NUMBER OF IMPACTS 1	INJURY SUSTAINED FROM DIRECT FORCE No injury
PHOTOGRAPHED No	

Related Injuries

Investigation

Investigation Details

Report Information

OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT AND/OR WARRANT AFFIDAVIT MUST INCLUDE

- All details of the arrest
- All necessary criminal elements
- Detailed description of injury complaints and/or observed injuries
- Details articulating the subject's words, mannerisms and actions that justify the Response to Resistance
- Details outlining the Response to Resistance utilized by each officer
- Details outlining the decontamination, first aid or medical treatment provided to the officer and/or subject

Narrative

NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT

Investigation (continued)

Investigation Details

Gruba Arrest Narrative:

On 01/01/2026, at approximately 2200 hours, Ofc. Christina and I, Ofc. Gruba, were dispatched to Bourbon St. Pub, 724 Duval St, in reference to a male trespassing.

Upon arrival, I saw Ofc. Christina attempting to detain a male that was previously trespassed from Bourbon St Pub, who was still on property when Ofc. Christina arrived on scene. This male was identified as Brandon Straitiff and approximately 30 minutes earlier Ofc. Christina and I had issued Straitiff a trespass warning from Bourbon St. Pub. I assisted Ofc. Christina and placed Straitiff into handcuffs. While attempting to place Straitiff into handcuffs he stiffened up and refused to bring his hands behind his back. After a brief struggle, Ofc. Christina and I were able to put Straitiff's hands behind his back and into handcuffs. Ofc. Christina and I escorted Straitiff over to my patrol vehicle, where he was searched. Ofc. Christina and I attempted to place Straitiff into my patrol vehicle. Straitiff, again, tensed up and refused our commands to get into the vehicle. After several attempts to get Straitiff's legs into the vehicle I warned Straitiff he would be tased if he did not comply. Straitiff continued to resist. I drive-stunned Straitiff's left thigh. The drive-stun had no effect. I attempted a second drive-stun on Straitiff's abdomen. Again, no effect. Ofc. Christina ended up pulling Straitiff through to the other side of the vehicle. This maneuver was able to clear Straitiff's legs from the door, and we were able to close the rear doors.

Sgt. Stutz and Sgt. Del Valle arrived on scene for the response to resistance.

Key West Rescue 2 arrived on scene to evaluate Straitiff. Straitiff had slipped his hands to the front of his body before Rescue 2 arrived. While Rescue 2 was trying to evaluate Straitiff, he continued to resist and sit still, making it challenging to be evaluated. Rescue 2 decided Straitiff had to be transported to Lower Keys Medical Center due to elevated heart rate. Straitiff continued to resist while being taken out of my patrol vehicle and placed on the stretcher. Rescue 2 had to sedate Straitiff, once in the ambulance. Ofc. Christina rode with Rescue 2 to Lower Keys Medical Center reference EMS run #KWFD202600023.

Once at Lower Keys Medical Center, both of Straitiff's arms were handcuffed to the bed. Throughout the whole time at the hospital, Straitiff continued to try and pull out of his handcuffs. Once cleared from the hospital, I transported Straitiff to jail.

Ofc. Christina and Ofc. Lashley escorted Straitiff to intake at the jail, where Detention Deputies placed Straitiff in a restraint chair due to his combativeness.

Due to Straitiff's aggressive behavior, incoherent speech, and no response to pain, I believe Straitiff was highly under the influence of narcotic intoxicants and alcoholic intoxicants.

Brandon Straitiff violated Florida State Statute 810.08, trespass in structure or conveyance. Straitiff (Defendant) willfully entered upon or remained in the structure or conveyance of 724 Duval St, Bourbon St. Pub. The property was managed by Jason Young. Notice not to enter upon or remain in Bourbon St Pub had been given myself, Ofc. Gruba, by actual communication to the Straitiff, after he had been asked to leave multiple times by Young. Straitiff returned to the property after warning. Was again asked to leave by Young. Ofc. Christina witnessed Straitiff on the property after warning. Straitiff remaining in the property was without authorization, license, or invitation from Young or any other person authorized to give that permission.

Brandon Straitiff violated Florida State Statute 843.02, resist without violence. Straitiff (Defendant) opposed Ofc. Christina and my (Ofc. Gruba's) numerous commands to comply during the arrest. At the time, Straitiff knew Ofc. Christina and I were officers due to our department issued class "B" uniforms and patrol vehicles.

A victim's rights brochure with my name and case number was given to the owner of Bourbon St Pub.

Investigation (continued)

Investigation Details

My BWC and Axon-Fleet were activated during this incident.

End of report.

Ofc. Christina Supplemental Narrative:

On 01/01/2026 at approximately 2050 Hrs, I responded to 724 Duval St in regard to a trespassing.

Upon my arrival I witnessed a party known to me from a previous trespassing Brandon L. Straitiff being escorted out of the bar. I parked my patrol vehicle on Petronia St and Duval, exited my patrol vehicle. Straitiff made eye contact with me and started to walk the other way. I told him to stop, reached out grabbing his arm telling him he was not free to leave at that time. Straitiff started to pull away, i then pulled him back placing him into the wall. Officer J. Gruba was arriving at this time so I waited to attempt handcuffing until he was able to assist. Once Officer Gruba assisted we were able to place Straitiff into handcuffs. It should be noted that Straitiff continued to resist the entire time trying to pull away stating " your not stronger than me". Once handcuffed he was moved to Officer Gruba's patrol vehicle where Straitiff continued to resist, Refusing to get in the vehicle. I then attempted multiple peroneal strike's which were unsuccessful. Officer Gruba Drive Stunned Straitiff with his department issued Taser trying to gain compliance, which was unsuccessful. We were finally able to force Straitiff into the vehicle.

Key West Fire EMS was called to the scene due to his excited delirium. Once arrived, EMS was attempting to check Mr. Straitiff started to pull away and grab at EMS personal at which point I attempted to restrain Straitiff, EMS was only able to get his heart rate which was over 150. It was determined that he needed to be transported to the Lower Keys Medical Center for observation. Once cleared Straitiff was transported to Monroe County Detention Center for booking.

Sgt. Stutz On-Scene Observations:

Upon responding to the scene to meet with and evaluate the suspect in custody, I observed he was highly intoxicated and under the influence of narcotics. The subject made multiple incoherent statements and was combative with officers and KWFd Rescue Units on scene. I observed the subject had moved his handcuffs to the front and was actively resisting attempts by Key West Rescue to assess him. Due to this combative behavior and the fact his hands were to the front, posing a risk to rescue, Ofc. Christina entered the passenger side of the vehicle behind the subject and placed him in a modified right should lock in order to protect Rescue units as they attempted their assessment. The subject continued to be non-compliant with officers when they had to move the handcuffs back to the rear. The subject was in such an altered state Key West Fire Rescue determined he needed further evaluation at LKMC. The subject continued to actively resist Rescue personnel to a point he had to be sedated for transport.

This was captured on my BWC and uploaded to evidence.com.

I recognized this subject from a previous law enforcement encounter that ended with similar results due to his intoxication, use of narcotics, non-compliance and propensity to fight with law enforcement.

Supervisor's Inquiry

NOTIFIED DATE 01/01/2026	NOTIFIED TIME 21:33
DID SUPERVISOR RESPOND TO THE SCENE Yes	DID SUPERVISOR WATCH ALL RELEVANT VIDEOS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESPONSE TO Yes
DID SUPERVISOR MEET WITH THE OFFICER(S)? Yes	
DURING SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW DID YOU FIND AN POTENTIAL POLICY VIOLATIONS OR TRAINING ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCIDENT? No	
WAS SUPERVISOR ABLE TO LOCATE ANY INDEPENDENT WITNESSES? No	

Investigation (continued)

Investigation Details

Supervisor Comments

SUPERVISOR Stutz, Thomas (3138)	RANK Officer	REVIEW DATE 01/01/2026
COMMENTS Upon responding to the scene to meet with and evaluate the suspect in custody, I observed he was highly intoxicated and under the influence of narcotics. The subject made multiple incoherent statements and was combative with officers and KWFD Rescue Units on scene. I observed the subject had moved his handcuffs to the front and was non-compliant with officers when they had to move the handcuffs back to the rear. The subject was in such an altered state Key West Fire Rescue determined he needed further evaluation at LKMC. The subject continued to actively resist Rescue personnel to a point he had to be sedated for transport. I recognized this subject from a previous law enforcement encounter that ended with similar results due to his intoxication, use of narcotics, non-compliance and propensity to fight with law enforcement.		

Professional Standards Division

Reviewer

REVIEWER Dean, Jeffrey (3386)	RANK Lieutenant	REVIEW DATE 01/06/2026
COMMENTS		
DID THE REVIEW OF THIS INCIDENT CONCLUDE THAT THE RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE WAS IN COMPLIANCE WITH DEPARTMENTAL POLICY? Yes		