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February 10, 2025

Mr. Ryan Downey
197 Arcadia Drive
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Re: Samuel Jules Kaufman; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-70,204(16A)

Dear Mr. Downey:

You have requested review of the decision by Bar Counsel to close your complaint. Review of closed complaint files is subject to the provisions contained in a policy adopted by the board of governors. A copy of the policy is attached. Pursuant to this policy, the Director of the Bar's Attorney Consumer Assistance Program (ACAP) will review this file and decide if closure was appropriate. You will be notified of this decision in writing.

Each of these reviews may take as long as 60 days to complete. We thank you for your understanding and patience.

Sincerely,

Diane Suhm, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
ACAP Hotline 866-352-0707

cc: Mr. Samuel Jules Kaufman (w/enclosure)

15.75 Review of Closed Inquiries and Disciplinary Complaints

(a) Purpose. This policy codifies procedures and policies regarding review of closed inquiries and disciplinary cases by staff and grievance committees when review is requested by a complaining witness or other interested person. This is a procedure to review a decision of closure and not a formal, appellate process. It is a process to determine if an investigation will be reopened and not a process by which the issues within an inquiry or disciplinary case are resolved. As such, it is not intended to be formal in content or rigid in its requirements.

(b) Authority.

(1) Bar Counsel.

(A) Inquiry. Bar counsel may decline to pursue an inquiry if the facts, if proven, would not constitute a violation of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar that warrants discipline.

(B) Disciplinary Case. Bar counsel may dismiss a disciplinary case if bar counsel determines the facts show that the respondent did not violate applicable rules or if bar counsel determines that insufficient proof exists to sustain a violation.

(C) Grievance Committee Action. Bar counsel has no authority to overturn or appeal the actions of a grievance committee. Staff may recommend to the designated reviewer that the grievance committee's actions be reviewed.

(2) Grievance Committee. A grievance committee may terminate an investigation by finding that no probable cause exists to believe that the respondent has violated applicable rules, or that some cause exists to believe that the respondent has violated applicable rules but further disciplinary proceedings are not warranted.

(3) Designated Reviewer. The designated reviewer is authorized to review all final actions of the committee and recommend review to the Disciplinary Review Committee ("DRC") of the Board of Governors.

(4) Disciplinary Review Committee. The DRC has authority under the terms of this policy to review the actions of a grievance committee when referred by a designated reviewer in writing.

(5) Board of Governors. The board of governors has authority to review the recommendation of the DRC and to take final action on the recommendation.

(c) Procedure for Review of Inquiries and Discipline Cases Closed by Bar Counsel.

(1) Chief Branch Discipline Counsel or Intake Director Review. If a challenge is made to a decision by bar counsel to close an inquiry or discipline case at staff level, the matter will be reviewed by the chief branch discipline counsel (CBDC) or intake director. The CBDC or intake director may:

(A) agree with the closure; or

(B) reopen the matter for further investigation; or

(C) forward the matter to the grievance committee for further action.

(2) Grievance Committee Chair Review. Continued challenges to CBDC or intake director closure of an inquiry or discipline case will be referred to the chair of the grievance committee to which the file would have been assigned if it had been opened. The chair of the committee may:

(A) agree with the closure; or

(B) schedule the matter for consideration by the full grievance committee; or

(C) disagree with the closure and schedule the matter for consideration by the full grievance committee.

(3) Grievance Committee Review. The full grievance committee may:

(A) agree with the closure; or

(B) direct that the matter be reopened for further investigation at grievance committee level.

(d) Procedure for Review of Discipline Cases Closed by Grievance Committee.

(1) Designated Reviewer. The designated reviewer (DR) shall review all actions taken by the grievance committee regarding closure of an inquiry or discipline case. If the DR has not notified bar counsel in writing of the DR's decision after review within 30 days of notice of the grievance committee closure, this discipline case shall remain closed. The DR may:

(A) agree with the closure; or

(B) refer the matter to the Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) by notifying bar counsel in writing. Such written notification may be by letter, facsimile or email; or

(C) refer the matter back to the grievance committee for reconsideration by notifying bar counsel in writing as set forth elsewhere in this rule.

(2) Disciplinary Review Committee. Cases referred to the DRC by the DR shall be placed on the agenda of the DRC and the DRC will make a recommendation to the board of governors. The recommendation may:

(A) agree with closure; or

(B) request that the case be reopened for further investigation by the grievance committee; or

(C) recommend any other action authorized under subchapter 3-7, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

(3) Board of Governors. The board of governors shall make a decision after considering the DRC recommendation. A decision of the board agreeing with closure shall preclude further action on the case except as set forth in subchapter 3-7, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

(e) Effective Period. The closure of the inquiry or case shall remain in effect while the matter is under review.

(f) Notice of Action. Bar counsel shall inform the complaining witness, respondent or respondent's counsel of actions taken or decisions made at each level of review.

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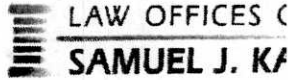
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October 23, 2024

Ms. Diane Suhm
Bar Counsel, The Florida Bar
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Via E-mail delivery to: acapintake@floridabar.or

Re: Samuel Jules Kaufman; The Florida Bar file No.: 2025-70, 204 (16A)

Dear Ms. Suhm:

I received the inquiry/cpmlaint from Mr. Ryan Downey in the mail from your office on October 21, 2024. The complaint has no merit.

Initial Hiring: Mr. Downey had an active warrant in the subject case (case no.: 44-2019-CF-642-AK) at the time he contacted my office for legal representation. He was arrested on August 3, 2019 for three felony counts (battery on law enforcement Officer, resisting arrest with violence and resisting arrest without violence) and failed to appear at his arraignment in Court on September 4, 2019. See Exhibit A court minutes. The Hon. Judge Mark Wilson issued a capias arrest warrant in the amount of \$150,000 (\$50,000 for each count on the Felony Information). Mr. Downey hired our firm on October 11, 2029.

On October 21, 2019, I filed a motion to vacate the capias arrest warrant. See Exhibit B motion. On November 8, 2019, I represented Mr. Downey at the first available hearing to address the motion to vacate and successfully obtained a favorable ruling from the Court to vacate the warrant on November 8, 2019. See Court Minutes marked as Exhibit B. ~~NO~~ the capias arrest warrant was recalled and the bond estreature was also vacated. Mr. Downey was extremely pleased at that time with the results. Because of my efforts, Mr. Downey was not forced to turn himself into jail to release the warrant and he did not lose any funds associated with a bond estreature or the necessity to post a bond a second time. See capias and recalled warrant marked as Exhibit C. - Once again, to reiterate my initial complaint, the warrant was spurious as I was arrested under false pretenses. It would have been impossible for me to arrested with three felonies (I was told by Mr. Kaufman that I had initially had "two" erroneous "felonies" during one of our first three phone conversations and, once again, and I am very happy to provide a polygraph to the Florida Bar

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to support these claims and any other claims or rebuttals I have provided in response to Mr. Kaufman non gratis to the bar) Resisting Arrest and Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer. This was relayed to me on one of our first three initial conversations. In reference to the capias arrest warrant, I was unaware of that I had an active warrant in Florida. When I left the Key West Jail, I received absolutely no paperwork informing of any felonies that I had at all, which I found to be bewildering, at best. I was also in the process of moving to Los Angeles. Perhaps any official paperwork that I received further elaborating my charges went to my former address of 6955 Woodsville Road, Hayes, VA 23072, which is what I informed Mr. Kaufman on our initial conversation when he informed that I missed an arraignment. When I informed him that I was unaware I missed an arraignment and that I didn't have any charges or receive any paperwork upon leaving the county jail, he told me verbatim, that "you were just so happy to get out of jail that I didn't know." I went on to even further explain that I was falsely arrested and not read my Miranda Rights. I informed him that I got into the car on my own volition, that I was in back of the squad car when something that the arresting officer said alerted me to another similar situation that happened in Gloucester Virginia with Trooper C. Greene, when I was arrested on a DUI charge, put in the front seat of a squad car handcuffed and restrained by a seatbelt, with the dash cam pointed in my direction, and made to have an uncomfortable conversation that included what I understood to be racist remarks by the officer. In the Dash Cam in Key West, when I was "arrested" I looked at camera and recounted the date of the event and my address because the situation was eerily similar and it always bothered me. Furthermore, it would be impossible for me to resist arrest if I was in the back of the squad car, nor commit any type of violence on a police officer, as again, I was already in the back of the car. If I had been arrested on the street perhaps I would have received those charges and properly Mirandized, however I was not. When I called Key West Police to ask about my case (something I expected Mr. Kaufman to do as paid council) and ask for the video footage, two body cams and the in dash camera, I was told my case was sealed. I have only now received the link to the video footage after contacting 14 different Police Chiefs in 14 different Florida jurisdictions (and Key West Chief Bradenburg on multiple occasions copying my daughter Keira Hostetler's mother Shannon Hostetler on all correspondence, to no avail, as he responded to no emails or phone calls to date) and I am happy to provide that footage, however I am under the assumption that the bar has already viewed the footage through FOIA, and have seen that what I am stating in this rebuttal regarding what happened in the back of the squad car is accurate and true and I have in no way, perjured myself in my rebuttal document. If not please contact the Key West Police Department immediately as my copy is in the care of Shannon Hostetler.

Felony Arrest and Information: On August 3, 2019 at 1:21 A.M., members of the Key West Police Department (KWPD) interacted with Mr. Downey which ultimately led to his arrest. See arrest report as Exhibit D. The allegations included that Mr. Downey was exhibiting behavior deemed dangerous to himself or others, screaming etc. . . which led to the effort to evaluate Mr. Downey to be involuntarily

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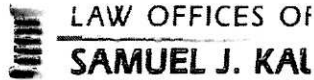
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hospitalized pursuant to the Florida's Baker Act. KWPD officers describe Mr. Downey as becoming increasingly "combative" with them. During the physical altercation with KWPD, Mr. Downey allegedly injured one officer's finger. The allegations include a second physical interaction with the same officer and same finger being hurt a second time and allegations that Mr. Downey physically kicked a KWPD officer on his legs several times. - I was walking down the street when I was approached by two officers and frisked. I asked them if I was under arrest to which they responded no. One of the officers then asked me to get into the car, which I did under my own volition. Please see response to Initial Hiring for further elaboration. ~~Boys can't be held responsible for these claims.~~ Furthermore, it seems that Mr. Kaufman spent a majority of his time speaking with police involved in the incident than he did investigating the one witness to the event that I had, an African American woman who saw the whole ordeal and was standing on her porch somewhere within three to four houses in either direction of where the squad car was parked during the arrest. As for the direction, I am unaware as to tell you when I was sitting the squad car I was able to see her looking through the back passenger window looking straight ahead. It always seemed to bother me that Mr. Kaufman never investigated my claims. Something that I never addressed in my initial complaint, and should have come with many red flags (though I was under so much distress at the time it didn't really register as something that would have been a hinderence) is that when I contacted Mr. Kaufman's office by a google search (perhaps stated as October 11 as the initial hiring date) (and I can recall exactly where I was when I made the initial call, Brickhouse Pizza in Williamsburg Virginia) that I told the secretary that I was contemplating a potential lawsuit against the city of Key West for the incident, she said "I don't know if you want to do that Mr. Kaufman is the former District Attorney". Mr. Kaufman called me back almost immediately and the conversation went from there, where he was actually pleasant (the only time that I can recall him never being condescending).

Mental Health Defense: During the representation, Mr. Downey disclosed that he had been diagnosed and treated for mental illness. A good potential strategy discussed with Mr. Downey early on in his case was to obtain evidence to support a mental health defense or grounds for mitigation of sentence based upon his diagnosis and treatment. I asked Mr. Downey to provide medical records. I was able to obtain medical records from Mr. Downey which proved to be helpful in his defense. - Though Mr. Kaufman did recommend that I should see a therapist, it was only after I told him that I was experiencing post traumatic

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symptoms from inside the Key West jail. During my time incarcerated I was drug from the back of the squad car screaming and crying, placed into a chair with a bag over my head, and put into a room for several hours. While I was in the care of Key West Police, I was taken to the shower and was made to wash myself with a female police officer in attendance. I was also kept drugged in a separate ward, where I was asked by the nurse, and I quote, "what I was on" to which I responded "nothing." I was seen by Therapist Gina Thompson at Thriveworks, my lead witness. Her contact information was submitted to The Florida Bar, who at this point, she said she has not heard from. Mr. Kaufman never obtained medical records from Ms. Thompson and refused to contact her on several occasions. This can be confirmed by Gina Thompson herself and through a polygraph administered through me.

Miranda Warnings and Depositions: The remedy for the failure to mirandize a criminal defendant in custody (if required under the circumstances of the particular situation as determined by the trial court) is not dismissal. Rather, the remedy is suppression/exclusion of inculpatory statements (if any) made by the Defendant. The criminal charges in this matter were related to the alleged violent acts of Mr. Downey against members of the KWPD. The few alleged statements documented in the arrest report were not a main focus of the prosecution. Rather, the alleged violent acts by the Defendant were the main evidence in the case. Depositions of the KWPD officers were arranged and conducted by myself. See Notice of Deposition marked as Exhibit E. The KWPD officers testified in a consistent manner that Mr. Downey was violent towards them. Ofc. Cuneo was clear that his injury on his hand was significant as a result of Mr. Downey's actions. As a consequence of the injury to the officer, this was a serious felony case. - Please see definition of alleged, used to convey that something is claimed to be the case or have taken place, although there is no proof. Mr Kaufman's rebuttal: The criminal charges in this matter were related to the alleged violent acts of Mr. Downey against members of the KWPD. The few alleged statements documented in the arrest report were not a main focus of the prosecution. Rather, the alleged violent acts by the Defendant were the main evidence in the case. Depositions of the KWPD officers were arranged and conducted by myself. See Notice of Deposition marked as Exhibit E. The KWPD officers testified in a consistent manner that Mr. Downey was violent towards them. Ofc. Cuneo was clear that his injury on his hand was significant as a result of Mr. Downey's actions. As a consequence of the injury to the officer, this was a serious felony case. -

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Negotiations with Prosecutor: In an effort to obtain potential resolutions for Mr. Downey, I asked the prosecutor to consider Mr. Downey's mental health diagnosis as mitigation. I did encourage Mr. Downey to continue with his mental health treatment and to continue to provide records to me. Initially the prosecutor was not inclined to reduce the charges because the injury to the KWPD officer's hand/finger was serious. But eventually, I was able to obtain a very favorable plea offer. The prosecutor agreed to down file the case to the County Court and reduce the charge to a single count of misdemeanor battery

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pursuant to Florida Statute Section 784.03. This potential resolution would eliminate the potential for felony convictions or jail time for Mr. Downey if he accepted same. Because Mr. Downey was out of state and had limited funds, this would allow Mr. Downey to change his plea remotely by completing a set of fingerprints and notarizing a change of plea form. I presented this

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option to Mr. Downey. I also presented the option to Mr. Downey of going to trial which was his right. I presented Mr. Downey with his options and he chose willingly and voluntarily to accept the plea offer to the one count of misdemeanor battery. This was a good decision in my opinion because multiple KWPD officers were readily available to testify as to his alleged violent behavior resulting in a serious injury to a member of the KWPD and supporting the charges in the felony Information. See felony Information marked as Exhibit F. If convicted as charged, Mr. Downey faced being a convicted felon and the likelihood of serving jail time. After explaining this to Mr. Downey during multiple phone conversations, Mr. Downey was grateful that he could resolve this case without traveling back to Florida and without having a felony on his criminal record (which was his main goal). There should have been no plea deal nor charges at all as I not read my Miranda Rights and all of the charges, per Mr. Kaufman's words, were *Mr Kaufman's rebuttal*: The criminal charges in this matter were related to the alleged violent acts of Mr. Downey against members of the KWPD. The few alleged statements documented in the arrest report were not a main focus of the prosecution. Rather, the alleged violent acts by the Defendant were the main evidence in the case. Depositions of the KWPD officers were arranged and conducted by myself. See Notice of Deposition marked as Exhibit E. The KWPD officers testified in a consistent manner that Mr. Downey was violent towards them. Ofc. Cuneo was clear that his injury on his hand was significant as a result of Mr. Downey's actions. As a consequence of the injury to the officer, this was a serious felony case. The video footage will support my claims that the charges were alleged and I did not commit any crimes

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Pleas forms and fingerprints: After Mr. Downey expressed his interest in accepting the misdemeanor plea option, I informed the prosecutor and she down filed the case to County Court. I drafted the change of plea form and my office sent this to Mr. Downey and a fingerprint card for him to obtain his fingerprints (a requirement of the Court which I explained to Mr. Downey). Mr. Downey never once expressed opposition to this plan for acceptance of the very favorable plea offer. In fact, Mr. Downey was pleasant and grateful for the outcome especially given the circumstances. Mr. Downey voluntarily on his own obtained a set of fingerprints and signed the plea form in the presence of a notary and then he mailed these

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documents to my office. See signed plea form marked as Exhibit G. During this period of time preparing with Mr. Downey in advance of the change of plea/sentencing hearing, email communications with my office do not show any hesitations, concerns, or opposition from Mr. Downey during this process. Mr. Downey was very cooperative with my office to complete the process. See emails marked as Exhibit H.

Now five years later, Mr. Downey is raising meritless complaints, much of which are completely false. I represented Mr. Downey for over two years. I spent many hours on his case, appeared in court each month for 24 months, had many phone conferences with him and some with his father. I worked diligently to be sure that his exposure to a felony conviction and a jail/prison sentence would be avoided. I certainly did not refer to Mr. Downey as a "felon." In fact, I worked tirelessly to ensure that he would not have a felony on his criminal record. The outcome for Mr. Downey was extremely favorable given the facts and law related to the case. ~~Mr Kaufman has perjured himself throughout his entire rebuttal (see example. I certainly did not refer to Mr. Downey as a "felon").~~ Claims are not meritless, false charges are meritless. There is video footage to support those claims. I have experienced mental post traumatic type stress symptoms from the way I was treated while in care of Key West Police, as well as through Mr. Kaufman's representation. I paid him \$7500 to perform a service in which he did not perform to the best of his ability and continued to disregard any of the claims I made during the entire process. I look forward to a response from the Florida Bar and again, I am happy to submit a polygraph. Thank you so much, again.

Thank you for your consideration,

Samuel J. Kaufman
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October 18, 2024

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Re: Samuel Jules Kaufman; The Florida Bar File No. 2025-70,204(16A)

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

Enclosed is a copy of an inquiry/complaint and any supporting documents submitted by the above referenced complainant(s). Your response to this complaint is required under the provisions of Rule 4-8.4(g), Rules of Professional Conduct of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, and is due in our office by **November 4, 2024**. **Responses should not exceed 25 pages** and may refer to any additional documents or exhibits that are available on request. Failure to provide a written response to this complaint is in itself a violation of Rule 4-8.4(g). You may respond by US Mail or email to acapintake@floridabar.org. You are further required to furnish the complainant with a complete copy of your written response, including any documents submitted therewith. you are also required to complete and return the enclosed Certificate of Disclosure form under Rule Regulating The Florida Bar 3-7.1(f). Please note that Standing Board Policy 5.56(e) provides: "Absent unusual circumstances, bar counsel should not agree to extend deadlines for more than 10 days and should not grant a request for extension without a reasonable factual basis for the request, and should not grant more than 1 extension."

Finally, the filing of the attached complaint does not preclude communication between the lawyer and the complainant(s). Please review the enclosed Notice for information on submitting your response.

Sincerely,

Diane Suhm, Bar Counsel
Attorney Consumer Assistance Program
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Ryan Downey

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bizarre and SGT Kouri wanted me to evaluate Downey

I walked over to Downey and introduced myself and I was with the Key West Police Department. I asked Downey what his name was, and he said his name was Ryan and he wanted to talk to his lawyer. Downey was already placed in handcuffs as he continued to attempt to reach in his pockets prior to my arrival. I attempted to have a conversation to evaluate Downey's mental status, however, he continued to say he wanted to speak with his lawyer.

Downey continued to scream about he was going to pull our tapes and wanted to go home or talk to his lawyer. Downey continued becoming irate, screaming at me. Based on his actions and the manic state he was in, I felt Downey was a danger to himself and others. I spoke with SGT Kouri and advised him I felt Downey should be Baker Acted.

Downey continued to scream at other officers on scene while I spoke with SGT Kouri. Downey's behavior continued to go up and down, becoming softer spoken and then yelling at officers. Downey demanded we take the handcuffs off.

I then walked over to my patrol vehicle and attempted to place Downey's wallet and ID in my front seat. As Ofc Gillespie and Ofc Hansell walked Downey over to my patrol vehicle, he became combative and started to resist both officers. I attempted to help restrain Downey as he was becoming more aggressively combative. Downey continued to yell and scream demanding officers let him speak to his lawyer.

Downey became even more combative as we attempted to place him in the rear of my patrol vehicle. He became dead weight. I attempted to grab Downey's right arm to use a transporter escort, however, Downey grabbed my left hand and would not let go. By grabbing my hand, Downey jammed my ring finger on my left hand. I gave him loud verbal and lawful commands to let go of my hand. Downey replied, "Shut the fuck up!". At this point Downey still had control of my hand and I continued to try and break free of his grip.

I was able to break free of Downey's grasp. I attempted to again gain control over Downey's right hand so to escort him into the rear of my patrol vehicle. Again, Downey grabbed my left hand and again it jammed on the same finger. As this was going on, Downey kicked his legs to his rear striking me on my legs multiple times. I gave Downey multiple lawful commands to stop kicking me. We attempted to search Downey but due to his combativeness at that time we were unable to. SGT Kouri instructed Downey to get into the patrol vehicle. Downey screamed, "No I'm not. Read me my fucking rights". Another Officer switched positions with me as I went to grab a hobble from the rear of my patrol vehicle.

Downey was placed in the rear of my patrol vehicle, where I activated my COBAN. It came to our attention Downey had not been searched. We then pulled Downey back out and searched him. The search yielded negative weapons. Downey was then placed back in the rear of my patrol vehicle, where he was seat belted in. Downey continued to scream for him to speak with his lawyer and he wanted his rights read.

I transported Downey to Monroe County Detention Center (MCDC). When I arrived, I asked main control for the MCDC Jail staff to bring down the restraint chair, as the entire ride Downey was aggressive, manic and combative. They arrived in the sally port and took control over Downey.

My BWC and COBAN were both activated.

Based on the above facts I, Ofc Cuneo find there to be probable cause for the following charges against Downey:

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I swear the above statement is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Signature]
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OFFICER/ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MONROE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, (year) _____, who is personally known to me or who has produced (ID Type) Police as identification and who DID take an oath.

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL COURT
MONROE County
State of FLORIDA

[Signature]

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Monroe County Adult Arrest Form

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FSS 784 01 Battery of a Law Enforcement Officer

I, Ofc. Cuneo was performing my lawful duties as a sworn Law Enforcement Officer in the City of Key West, County of Monroe in the State of Florida and I was wearing a fully marked uniform that bears two patches and a badge that are visible at all times and clearly identifies my employing agency (Key West Police Department). I also identified myself to Downey when I first approached him.

While I attempted to make a lawful arrest on Downey, he grabbed my hand, jamming my left ring finger. During the arrest, Downey kicked me multiple times after being told not to. Downey was out of control and would not listen to any commands given.

FSS 843 01 Resisting officer with violence to his person

Downey knowingly and wilfully resisted his arrest and opposed officers as he used violence (Battered LEO) to avoid apprehension. While I attempted to make a lawful arrest on Downey, he grabbed my hand, jamming my left ring finger. During the arrest, Downey kicked me multiple times after being told not to. Downey was out of control and would not listen to any commands given.

FSS 843 02 Resisting Officer without violence to his person

Downey knowingly and wilfully resisted his arrest and opposed officers as he used non-violence to avoid apprehension. While I attempted to make a lawful arrest on Downey, he would not follow lawful commands to get into the rear of my patrol vehicle, becoming dead weight. Officers on scene had to physically move Downey into the rear of the patrol vehicle.

I swear the above statements are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief

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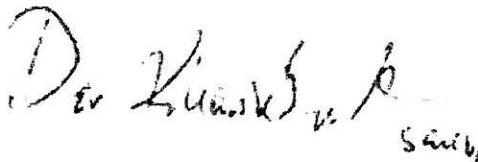
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Why do police departments edit body-worn camera footage?

Police can edit evidence but are obliged to stay truthful over fear of lawsuits.

Author: Jack Molmud, Jesse Pagan
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SAN DIEGO COUNTY, Calif. — Escondido Police Officer Chad Moore’s body camera recorded the moments he shot and killed homeless resident Steven Olson in Escondido the morning of April 21, 2021.

The public got a chance to view that footage eight days later when a video about the incident was posted to the City of Escondido’s YouTube channel.



There you can see Officer Moore approach Olson, who was carrying metal objects, and point his gun at him. Olson walked toward him for a few feet while the officer told him to get back.

"I'm going to shoot you," Officer Moore yelled. Olson continued walking.

It was shortly after that the officer fired seven rounds at Olson, dropping to the ground.

The shooting is visible to the world, but the world can also see Olson's body blurred right before the shooting, standups and voiceover by Escondido Police Chief Ed Varso and Lt. Kevin Toth, graphic maps of the intersection where Olson was shot, a first responder dispatch recording of residents reporting Olson to law enforcement and security camera footage of Olson walking through the neighborhood.

The Escondido Police Department edited the body-worn footage of its officer shooting Steven Olson. It decided which segments of the footage to show and what to redact.

This brings up questions about framing and why a government agency would package evidence the way it does.

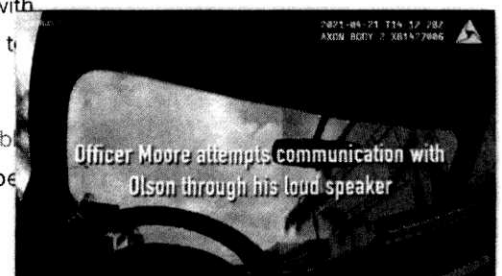
So how can the police edit body-worn camera footage before releasing it to the public?

It's department policy that Escondido officers have their body-worn cameras on at all times, unless they aren't on patrol or are alone in their car. There are also federal guidelines that provide blueprints for local agencies who chose to use body-worn cameras.

According to California Western School of Law Professor Gary Gibson, there isn't really much dictating how law enforcement should edit their video, if at all, before publishing.

"There's some bare minimum laws," Gibson said, who's also a criminal defense attorney with David Silldorf Law. "The departments can get away with just about whatever they choose to do as long as they're acting within those bare minimum laws."

Body-worn camera footage falls under an exemption in section 62.54 of the California Public Records Act. This means until an investigation or litigation is complete, the department does not have to release the full video.



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"The short answer is police can edit a video in any way they choose and not release sections they believe would compromise the investigation until a certain period of time has passed," Gibson said.

When the time comes for a department to release video, Gibson said law enforcement can put as many layers of voiceover and graphics as they want on body-worn camera footage as long as they aren't manipulating the public's view of what really happened. He said anything that veers from the truth could lead to "consequences in court sooner or later."

"It's perfectly permissible for the department to do that[edit footage]," Gibson said. "Every individual community is going to have individual policies and procedures."

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"It's more than just sharing raw body cam footage," Chief Varso said. "It's about sharing what we know."

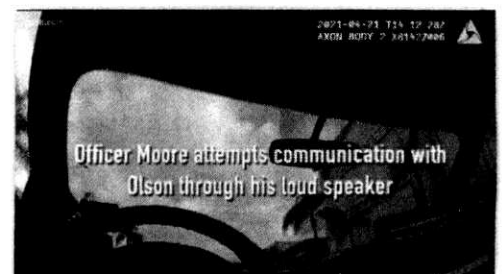
In the video produced by the department, Chief Varso said they have a team of law enforcement employees with journalism and video production backgrounds producing it, but he has ultimate editorial call.

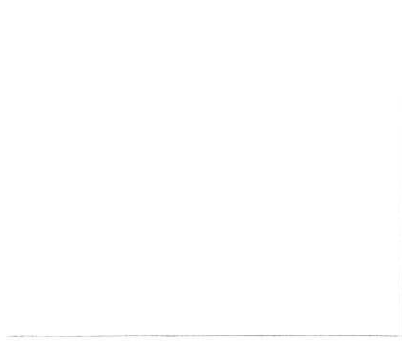
When asked about the decision to blur the body of Steven Olson, Chief Varso said it was a "judgment call."

"This is a difficult area because as law enforcement, we have an obligation to be transparent but I think we also have an obligation to realize you're watching the last seconds of a person's life," he said.

The chief also said he made the editorial decision on having Lt. Toth state Olson's previous crimes and convictions right after viewers saw him get shot.

"It's relevant to share background that helps the community see what our officers were up against and it helps explain the details of the event," Chief Varso said.





After listing off the crimes, Chief Varso said on the video that he did not "share this to vilify him."

The chief then described how Olson was a product of a system that pushed him in and out of criminal convictions, rather than giving him the help he needed.

"Commentary from me on the need for us as a community to really start discussing some of the flaws we have in our system that creates this revolving door that we don't start talking about until it has some sort of awful ending," Chief Varso said.

Why are some body-cam videos released sooner than others?

The shooting of Steven Olson was released in eight days, swift compared to other body-worn camera footages that took weeks or months to release.

There were protests throughout North County demanding the release of bodycam footage. Chief Varso said it was released swiftly in an effort to increase transparency with the public.

"If we're not sharing the accurate information of what actually happened, then that leaves room for a rumor to take hold that just isn't factual," Chief Varso said.

Gibson told News 8 that law enforcement agencies usually withhold the footage as long as they can or release it as soon as possible based on the severity or complexity of the incident.

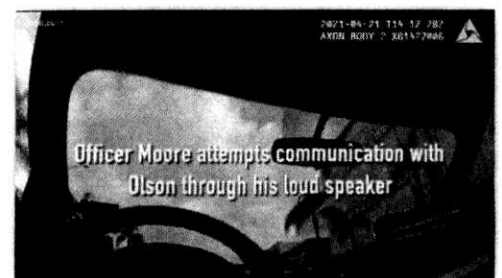
"A Police department can extend the period of time for up to a year until they have to meet high burden for not disclosing," Gibson said.

Agencies legally have 45 days to release bodycam videos, but they can push it off every 30 days given they can prove releasing it will hurt the case more than help.

They can do that for up to a year.

It's also expensive to store and maintain body-worn camera footage.

The price for bodycam maintenance for the City of Escondido is not listed specifically in the city's budget, but Chief Varso said it was around \$80,000 for storage alone.



The laws surrounding releasing or editing bodycam footage, as Gary Gibson would say, are "bare minimum."

The public also only sees a small fraction of the body-worn camera footage out there. With only a fraction of police encounters requiring an investigation and terabytes of data stored from each department's body cams, we are seeing a pinhole in the world of police surveillance.

But both Gibson and Chief Varso agree that body cam footage can be tools to bring the police and general public closer together.

Chief Varso said he acknowledges the distrust in law enforcement, and how examples of bad police practice can ruin his transparency efforts.

"Law enforcement is under a lot of scrutiny and we are continuously trying to find ways to bridge those gaps," Chief Varso said.

"Body-worns overall have been a real positive for the community and a positive for policing but both sides are learning how to use them and how they work and what they should do with them," Gibson said.

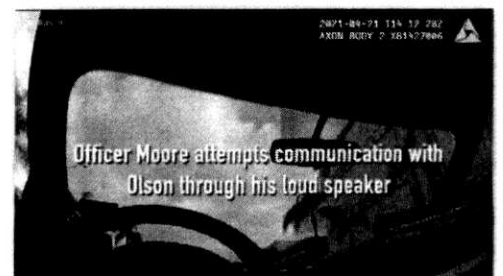
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Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 5:30 AM

To: Gina Thompson <ginathompson@thriveworks.com>, SHostetler78@gmail.com, acluva@acluva.org, ACAPIntake <acapintake@floridabar.org>

Good Evening Ms. Thompson,

I hope all is well. I have been up burning the midnight oil.

I was just curious if anyone reached out from the Florida Bar regarding my therapy sessions with you during the time I was represented by Mr. Kaufman.

Him not reaching out to you alone would have had him disbarred so I am at a loss for why I received this letter that he was able to keep his license?

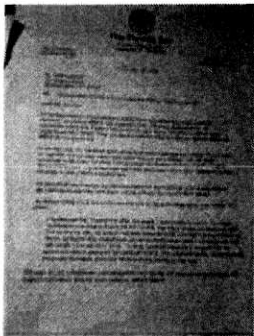
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You were listed as my witness for malpractice against Mr Kaufman.

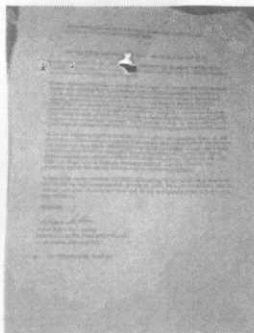
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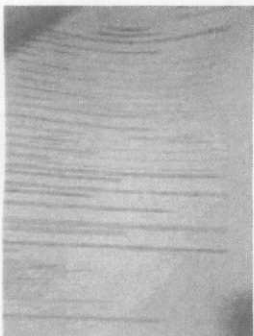
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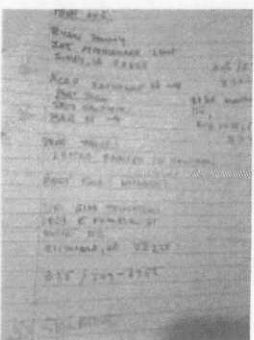
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Sat, Feb 1, 2025 at 2:46 PM

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Laurie Reinson (Monroe County Sheriff Office, FL) <MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com> Mon, Feb 3, 2025 at 8:14 AM

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To: starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com

Cc: shostetler78@gmail.com

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KEY WEST INCIDENT- VIDEOS COMING AND SCAN OF FALSE POLICE REPORTS

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To: Gina Thompson <ginathompson@thriveworks.com>
Bcc: SHostetler78@gmail.com

Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 11:45 AM

Dear Dr. Thompson,

I hope all has been well since we last chatted.

I know I have been keeping you abreast of the situation in Key West, including my complaint to the Florida Bar against my former defense attorney (and former Key West District Attorney) Sam Kaufman.

Currently the Bar is still in examination of the case and Mr. Kaufman's rebuttal was filled with inaccuracies, including words like "alleged" violence on a police officer. I can't get into the investigation, however, what I can send you and is my right (as I have included you as my witness in Mr. Kaufman's refusal to reach out to you to the Bar) are the videos of the false arrest and police brutality that I received in the care of Key West Police Officers. In addition, I have attached the falsified police reports to this email.

The videos are coming.

I will open a civil lawsuit shortly as the lawyers sort out the details, including the inclusion of the feds when I was arrested by Federal Marshalls in Laguardia airport in October 2019.

I thought this information was important for you to have as my therapist with Dr./Patient Confidentiality.

Ryan Downey 424 443 8436

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BAT LEO 2

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Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 11:50 AM

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Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 11:49 AM

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Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 11:47 AM

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Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 11:46 AM

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Florida Bar pending decision in January ACAP Ref # 25-3823

Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 5, 2025 at 1:32 PM

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Good afternoon Ms Thompson,

I hope you have been well.

The Florida Bar has a pending decision regarding Mr. Sam Kaufman this January according to a verbal confirmation from Ms Suhm with the Florida Bar back in October.

As my lead witness and therapist during the time I was misrepresented by Sam Kaufman I was curious if anyone has reached out to you from the Bar to confirm if any of the information I relayed in the complaint against Mr. Kaufman, and in my therapy sessions with you, has been verified with you via phone or email as I have not been asked to take a polygraph by anyone at the bar though I have offered.

I am just confirming as Shannon and I are moving forward with a civil lawsuit in January as soon as we recover the decision at deadline and are talking to several firms that need to wait for Kaufman's disbarment before moving forward.

I asked Mr Kaufman to reach out to you on several occasions and he did not, so I was hoping the bar would confirm that with you. I also wanted to inform you that you may be subpoenaed during the lawsuit to give your accounts of my therapy sessions with you and Mr Kaufman's unwillingness to contact you though you reached out to him by email.

Thank you so much for everything. You were an incredible therapist and I miss our sessions. I hope to resume once I am able to once again afford out valuable sessions.

Ryan Downey



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RYAN DOWNEY SAM KAUFMAN COMPLAINT: ACAP INTAKE 25-3823

1 message

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Tue, Feb 4, 2025 at 6:17 AM

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Dear Mr. Doyle,

My name is Ryan Downey. I understand you are the acting Executive Director of The Florida Bar.

I have contacted Ms. Suhm regarding my complaint against Sam Kaufman and the Bar's outcome.

My concerns are addressed below. Perhaps you would like to respond on her behalf as I have been unable to reach her.

I am confident that if my concerns continue to remain unaddressed, and I seek legal counsel, "the court's findings may provide the type of evidence necessary to prove a violation of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar."

Thank you for prompt attention to this matter.

Ryan Downey

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Greetings from Virginia. I trust all is well in Florida.

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Ryan Downey

MR. DOYLE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FLORIDA BAR 2/4



Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

ACAP INTAKE 25-3823

Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Tue, Jan 28, 2025 at 11:23 AM

To: ACAPintake <acapintake@floridabar.org>, SHostetler78@gmail.com, aclufonline@acluf.org, acluva@acluva.org, Gina Thompson <ginathompson@thriveworks.com>, Sam Kaufman <sam@samkaufmanlaw.com>

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Thu, Jan 30, 2025 at 11:31 AM

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Hi Ms. Suhm,

Good morning. I hope all is well.

I just wanted to take a second to follow up on this email regarding why my lead witness Dr. Gina Thompson was never contacted by the Florida Bar for information important to my complaint?

I hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you so much.

Ryan Downey

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Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

FOIA TAPES- Ryan Downey False Arrest

8 messages

Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 5:37 AM

To: Alyson Crean <acrean@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>, acluflonline@aclufl.org, SHostetler78@gmail.com, acluva@acluva.org,

Gina Thompson <ginathompson@thriveworks.com>

Dear Ms Crean,

I hope all is well. Since there were discrepancies in the body cam footage you provided me, I would like to request through FOIA TIME STAMPED videos on the garage where I was tased with my hands restrained.

Also curious why I never received any paperwork with charges when I left the jail and was never offered a court appointed lawyer to talk with while I was in the custody of Key West Police.

Since I was never arrested, how did I receive charges?

Through FOIA you must provide the company who worked on the video editing. Was it done in house or through a marketing firm?

I have tied Shannon Hostetler in as my witness. The mother of daughter Keira Hostetler.

I believe my lawyer is going to supoen a everyone involved in the arrest.

Thank you so much for your time.

Ryan Downey

Alyson Crean <acrean@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 11:16 AM

To: Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>, "acluflonline@aclufl.org" <acluflonline@aclufl.org>, "SHostetler78@gmail.com" <SHostetler78@gmail.com>, "acluva@acluva.org" <acluva@acluva.org>, Gina Thompson <ginathompson@thriveworks.com>

Cc: Jeffrey Dean <jdean@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>

The video will arrive in your email from Evidence.com There is no editing or marketing firm. The video is through the body cam company Axon. I am forwarding your questions regarding procedure to Lt. Jeff Dean, Professional Standards.

Have a great day!

Respectfully,

Alyson Crean, Public Information Officer

Key West Police Department

City of Key West

305-809-1058

ALYSON CREAN.

*FOIA
KEY WEST POLICE*

VIDEO EDITING.

JEFFREY DEAN. KEY WEST POLICE.

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Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 5:37 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FOIA TAPES- Ryan Downey False Arrest

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The tapes have been altered. Never did the cop say jammed his ring finger because it never happened. Nor did I ever say "f you".

This is just one of the many discrepancies. When I was brought I was not in handcuffs, which I would have been had I be arrested.

However, when "I" come from the squad car if shoes "me" in handcuffs but as my arm swings around it shoss it go too far forward as if I didn't have handcuffs on, because I didn't because I wasn't "arrested" in until I was in the squad car when he looks back and says "now you are arrested" and I state my name to the camera when I respond calmly too a question.

If you did not edit the videos then Axom altered them. Are you stating that Axom is responsible for the videos or Monroe County Police Department?

Ryan Downey

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Alyson Crean <acreat@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 11:45 AM

To: Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

I am forwarding your complaint to Lt. Dean in Professional Standards.

[Quoted text hidden]

Jeffrey Dean <jdean@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 1:36 PM

To: "starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com" <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Mr. Downey,

I am Lieutenant Dean with the Key West Police Department's Internal Affairs Division. Our public information officer has forwarded me your email to look into. After researching this incident from 2019, I have discovered that although

you were arrested by the Key West Police Department, you were Tasered by Monroe County Detention Center Corrections Officers. Any corresponding videos or reports about the TASER will have to go through the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

In terms of the validity of the video and the accuracy of the reports written by KWPD officers, this is a court issue which should be addressed there. Furthermore, the arresting officer, Officer E. Cuneo, no longer works for the Key West Police Department and is therefore no longer subject to any disciplinary action by this department.

At this time, we consider the matter to be closed.

Lieutenant Jeffrey Dean
Administrative Bureau
Information Services Division
Key West Police Department
(305) 809-1010

From: Alyson Crean <acrean@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 11:45 AM
To: Jeffrey Dean <jdean@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] FOIA TAPES- Ryan Downey False Arrest

Updated communications.

Have a great day!

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Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 1:46 PM

To: Jeffrey Dean <jdean@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>, SHostetler78@gmail.com, aclufonline@acluf.org

Thank you so much for the email. I am curious who worked on the video as portions of the tape are doctored, and the arresting officers arwsst reports were false as were the tapes?

Is that video editing done in house or thru Axom? Are they to be held accountable because I can contact them?

Ryan Downey

[Quoted text hidden]

Jeffrey Dean <jdean@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 1:51 PM

To: Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Axon is the company the videos are stored through. Axon does not edit anything. We do not "doctor" recordings. Again, any questioning of the validity of the videos are a court issue as well as any discrepancies in the officers reports. Again, we consider the matter closed and I will no longer be responding.

[Quoted text hidden]

Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 1:58 PM

To: Jeffrey Dean <jdean@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>, SHostetler78@gmail.com, aclufonline@acluf.org, acluva@acluva.org

We all know the jjamming of the ring finger is fake and is put in where you can't see it..the body cam never catches where one of the arresting officers tries to plant a straw on me, as well..

This isn't going to go away. There are a lot of people involved in this, someone is going to crack. I was almost killed by the negligence of one of your officers and wasn't properly arrested. On top of that there is a cover up, so bad the tapes were changed.

Please be aware that I am going to take action to the fullest extent of the law to everyone involved in this.

Ryan Downey

[Quoted text hidden]



Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Records request

2 messages

Laurie Reinson (Monroe County Sheriff Office, FL)

Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at 8:04

<MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com>

AM

Reply-To: 4b5d8772-5f29-4241-a556-4dc7b436a53d.MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com

To: shostetler78@gmail.com

Cc: starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com

Hello

There is no response for video from inside jail.

LReinson

Central Records



Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at 8:09 AM

To: 4b5d8772-5f29-4241-a556-4dc7b436a53d.MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com

Cc: shostetler78@gmail.com

Good afternoon

Are you stating that the videos from inside the jail are unavailable via FOIA??

RYAN DOWNEY

On Wed, Jan 29, 2025, 8:04 AM Laurie Reinson (Monroe County Sheriff Office, FL) <MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com> wrote:

Hello

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LReinson

Central Records



*Laurie Robinson
FOIA Monroe
County Sheriff's Office
Requesting camera footage
inside jail garage where I
was taped with hands restrained.*





Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

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4 messages

Laurie Reinson (Monroe County Sheriff Office, FL)

Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at 8:14

<MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com>

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Reply-To: 4b5d8772-5f29-4241-a556-4dc7b436a53d.MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com

To: shostetler78@gmail.com

Cc: starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com

Hello

The video you are requesting does not exist.

LReinson

Central Records

**Ryan Downey** <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at 2:41 PM

To: 4b5d8772-5f29-4241-a556-4dc7b436a53d.MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com

Cc: shostetler78@gmail.com, Jeffrey Dean <jdean@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>

Hi Laurie,

There should be video cameras in the garage where I was tased. I was referred to you by Lieutenant Jeffrey Dean who told me that I was tased by The Monroe County Detention Center Corrections Officers and I would have to go through Monroe County Sheriff's Department for the videos.

I have copied him in the email for further elaboration.

Thank you so much.

Ryan Downey

On Wed, Jan 29, 2025, 8:14 AM Laurie Reinson (Monroe County Sheriff Office, FL) <MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com> wrote:

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<MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com>

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To: starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com

Cc: shostetler78@gmail.com

Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at

2:48 PM

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LReinson

Central Records

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Cc: shostetler78@gmail.com, Jeffrey Dean <jdean@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>

Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at 3:10 PM

Ok thank you so much, Laurie.

We are going to try to contact Axon to get them to provide the original body cam videos.

Have a great day.

Ryan Downey

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Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

My Body Cam Footage Was Altered- Seeking Original

Laurie Reinson (Monroe County Sheriff Office, FL) <MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com> Mon, Feb 3, 2025 at 8:14 AM

Reply-To: 4b5d8772-5f29-4241-a556-4dc7b436a53d.MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com
To: starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com
Cc: shostetler78@gmail.com

Hello

You have contacted the Monroe County Sheriff's office not Axon.

LReinson

Central Records

On Sat, Feb 01, 2025 at 2:48 pm, Ryan Downey wrote:

Dear Axon Representatives,

According to my Daughter Keira Hostetler's mother, in the video it states that I said I was a danger to myself and that I needed to be committed.

That never happened.

There is a reason I have not gone through all of my videos, because I wanted to do it with my lawyer because everything I stayed in the rebuttal to Sam Kaufman in my Florida Bar complaint was correct.

Please take a look closely at this portion of the video as it never happened and is edited into the video. I can prove with a polygraph.

If you take a look at the original video and the video from KWPD they will NOT MATCH UP.

I already sent you my Key West OD provided body cam and dash cam footage.

The Monroe County Detention Center where I was tased multiple times with my hands restrained are refusing to provide me with the video footage in the garage so this footage that you have is imperative to proving my innocence.

Thank you so much for all of your help.

Ryan Downey

On Thu, Jan 30, 2025, 12:04?PM Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com> wrote:
Good afternoon,

My name is Ryan Downey. On August 3, 2019, I was falsely arrested in Key West Florida and not read my Miranda rights. During the "arrest" KWPD members planted a straw on me and coaxed me in the car on my own volition. Once in the car, I was "arrested." and taken to the jail and tased multiple times while my hands were restrained.

One of the arresting officers was Officer E. Cuneo who no longer works for KWPD. In the video footage I was given by KWPD, someone changed the footage. Onc incident was when the officer said I jammed his ring finger and I shouted "f you" which is unviewable on camera and never happened. It was put in after the "arrest." I was also "arrested" without handcuffs but when I am being taken from the squad car, I am in handcuffs and as I turn my body my arm goes too far forward that shows that I couldn't have had handcuffs on.

The officers falsified police reports and gave me three erroneous felonies. I maintained my innocence throughout the case. While in care of Monroe County Detention Corrections Officers, I was kept in a room for hours with my hands

restrained and a spit bag over my head. I was pulled out of my cell, thrown to the ground and had a knee placed on my back to the point I couldn't breathe.

I was then kept in a separate ward of the jail drugged. I was not offered a court appointed lawyer and left the jail with no paperwork, no official charges.

Driving out of Key West, I was pulled over by Monroe Police in Marathon Florida and given an unwarranted Field Sobriety Test, asked if I had "just been released from jail" and told that my license was revoked in the State of Florida.

I ended up hiring a former Key West District Attorney Sam Kaufman as my Defense who helped cover up the fact that I was falsely arrested and bullied me throughout the entire case. He forced me to take a plea though I maintained my innocence throughout the entire case.

I filed a complaint against him at the Florida Bar and figured he would be easily disbarred,. However he wasn't, and my lead witness in the case, Dr. Gina Thompson was never contacted Florida Bar representative Ms Suhm.

I have all kinds of paperwork, including my letter to the bar, the falsified police reports, the altered videos, and more. Over 200 pages worth of documentation. My daughter Keira Hostetler's mother has been copied on all emails and also has all of the documentation in hand.

I have contacted Key West Jail in order to retrieve the video footage from the garage where I was tased but was flat out denied and told it no longer existed, though I used FOIA.

I am hoping you are able to provide me directly with the body cam footage the arresting officers were using that night. Please copy Shannon Hostetler at shostetler78@gmail.com.

I hope to hear from you soon.

I can also be reached at 757 349 3585.

Thank you so much.

Ryan Downey



Thank you for submitting a request for records.

Your security key is **0F380A64**.

Your request reference number is **PRR-406-2025**.

Please have this security key and reference number available when communicating with our staff regarding your request. If you have supplied an email address, you will receive a confirmation of your submission that contains the above information.

Please note that if you chose not to provide contact information, this reference number should be used when communicating with staff and/or when picking up the records related to this request. Additionally, if no contact information was provided, you must contact the appropriate office to verify receipt of your request, to learn of any applicable fees, and authorize your request to move forward, prior to your request moving forward.

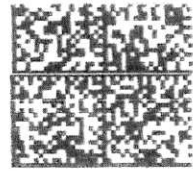


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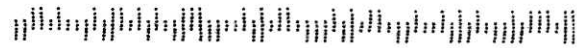


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January 14, 2025

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Ryan Downey
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Newport News, VA 23608

Re: Clients' Security Fund Claim No. 2025-14029
Ryan Downey v. Samuel Jules Kaufman

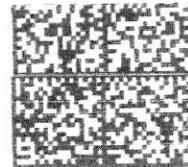
Review of the court docket relating to the Clients' Security Fund claim indicates the attorney did provide some legal service. Clients' Security Fund rules state that when services are provided by the attorney, no compensation will be provided from the fund. As a result, our file has been closed.

Our action in this matter does not constitute an admission of liability, nor does it preclude you from exploring other options. This information is not to be available to you.

Celia A. Conner
Clerk

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Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Re: ACAP REF #25-3823 FAKE VIDEOS

Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 11, 2025 at 11:29 PM

To: ACAPIntake <acapintake@floridabar.org>, SHostetler78@gmail.com, aclufonline@acluf.org

Dad Ms Suhm,

The videos from the Key West Police are fake.

I am happy to prove with a polygraph.

Thank you so much.

Ryan Downey

On Sat, Jan 11, 2025, 7:13 PM Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms Suhm,

I hope all is well.

I just wanted to touch base to inform you that I would like to change the address I have on record from my daughter's mother Shannon Hostetler's House, however I am currently displaced and I am not sure what the best address to have on record might be right now.

As we discussed previously, usually a decision is made in about a month, two weeks for response, two weeks for Mr Kaufman's rebuttal, and two more weeks for my rebuttal, followed by two weeks for a decision.. We discussed on the phone back in November that you wanted me to keep sending you as much information as possible, and I have, however there are certain family and friends of mine that have grown disenchanted with the time it has taken for this process to take place, as they feel the decision is cut and and dry and they want to move forward with a lawsuit. We feel the decision is imminent because I haven't been asked to take a polygraph to support my claims, so we are all unsure why it is taking so long for him to be found guilty of malpractice.

We would like to move forward with a lawsuit but we are unable to get the representation we want without a decision, and once again, Sam Kaufman and the action of key West Police have caused me emotional distress and discomfort in my life as the relationship with my daughter and her mother has now become strained..It is unfortunate but we would all like to move forward and put this behind us as I have been unable to financially provide for my daughter as i would have liked to over the last five years due to the negligence of Key West police and Mr Kaufman

I know you said the decision would take place in January and so I look forward to hearing from you soon. If you are able to email me the decision and copy Shannon that would be great.

Please respond as soon as possible let me know if I am able to change my address. I am currently living in my car and with friends I, when possible, so I am thinking of using my work address.

Thank you again for all of your help. 757/349 3585.

Ryan Downey

On Tue, Jan 7, 2025, 7:18 PM Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms Suhm,

I hope all is well. I just wanted to take a minute to follow to remind you that you verbally committed to me on the phone back in early November that a decision on Mr Kaufman's disbarment will come at the end of January at the latest.

My daughter's mother, Shannon Hostetler and I (who is copied on this email) are unable to retain council officially until we have that decision. We are confident that we are to receive a ruling in our favor and if there are any

questions as to anything written in my or Mr Kaufmans rebuttal, that the Bar will force him to take a polygraph as I have not been given one and have offered to give one for free.

I understand that you will not review the tapes, but in the tapes you will see that the police falsified the reports (which I also have the falsified police reports on hand as do you) so it is clear to see Mr Kaufman has perjured himself throughout the entire document.

You committed to a ruling in January and Shannon and I are ready to move forward in this lawsuit, so I have copied both the ACLU NATIONAL CHAPTER AND FL CHAPTER so that we will have that commitment honored and timeframe met. I have also copied my therapist and lead witness to accounts Gina Thompson on this email and the fact Mr Kaufman never reached out to her.

We are about 24 days out from an imminent decision.

If you have any questions please contact me at 757/349-3585. I am keeping the address as 197 Arcadia Drive Newport News VA 23608. So all correspondence will continue to go there, which is the address of my daughter and her mother.

Thank you so much.

Ryan Downey



Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

In need of Help!!

Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>
To: aclufonline@acluf.org

Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 11:42 AM

My name is Ryan Downey. I am in desperate need of help..please read the email below. Thank you

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Ryan Downey** <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 13, 2024, 11:06 AM
Subject: ACAP Ref 25-3823
To: ACAPIntake <acapintake@floridabar.org>, <sam@samlaufmanlaw.com>, <SHostetler78@gmail.com>

Dear Ms Suhm,

Happy Wednesday. I hope this email finds you well.

I understand the bar is currently still investigating this matter further, however, after reviewing the footage (as I am sure you have) and reading Sam's rebutal filled with the words "alleged" and a completely false police report (backed up by the footage), that the decision is imminent.

That being said, this has already destroyed my life already to where I have gone into debt and carried three erroneous felonies preventing from working a white collar career the last five years, along with a mug shot online that prevents companies from doing a background to check to hire me off the bar, not to mention any type of investigation into my background.

Right now Sam has blocked my number from his law firm and I left messages with his secretary, Julia, and him, and he has refused to call me back.

I am coming up on the holidays and I need to pay my daughter's tuition in a cooks wages as opposed to a public relations director, and I need the 7500 I paid Sam back immediately and the money I paid to get bailed from Robert Morris, and I have tried to file criminal charges against Sam and inflamed the State Attorney in key west and was told if I come back down i could be arrested on a warrant and I reminded them there is no warrant i have the video and the police report.

I am on desperate need of my money back immediately. My daughter's Keira Hostetler's mom Shannon is copied on this email.

Please help me hold him accountable for the damage he has caused me and my family with his negligence.

Sincerely
Ryan Downey
434 443 8436

ACLU
EMAIL TO ASK
FOR HELP IN
RECEIVING
MONEY FROM KAUFMAN.

197 ARCADIA DR.
NN, VA 23608

The Florida Bar
651 E. Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300
Toll Free 1-866-352-0707 (ACAP)

ACAP

REF #

25-3823

~~FRIDAY~~

PLEASE READ THESE IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all instructions carefully before completing the inquiry/complaint form. If the form is not properly completed it may be returned for correction. **You may submit up to a total of 25 pages including the inquiry/complaint form and exhibits.** You may indicate that additional evidence or exhibits are available upon request. Please legibly print or type in black ink only.

PLEASE NOTE: The Florida Bar cannot intervene on your behalf in a civil or criminal case, nor can we give you legal advice. We do not have jurisdiction to consider complaints against judges and many elected officials. Our lawyer regulation department considers whether an attorney has violated our rules of conduct and determines whether, under the totality of the circumstances, The Florida Bar will seek discipline against the attorney. If your inquiry/complaint is closed, you will receive a written explanation of the reasons for the closure.

PART ONE – Complainant Information. You must give your name, address, email address and phone number. If you have already contacted ACAP, please indicate your ACAP reference number in the space provided. If your inquiry/complaint pertains to a matter currently in litigation, please indicate that in the space provided.

PART TWO – Attorney Information. You must give the name, Bar Number, address, email and phone number of the subject attorney. The Bar Number and address of the attorney are particularly important as many lawyers have the same or similar names. You may find the attorney's Bar Number and contact information by going to www.floridabar.org and searching under Find A Lawyer. **List only one attorney per form (you may copy this form if you need additional copies). The Florida Bar processes inquiry/complaint forms only against individual attorneys, not against law firms or offices.**

PART THREE – Facts/Allegations. On a separate sheet, describe the conduct of the attorney by including the details, in chronological order, and supplying dates where possible. Please be aware that simply alleging conclusions without setting out facts that support those conclusions will result in the need for the Bar to ask you for additional information and may delay a disposition of your complaint. Please number any additional pages you attach. If you have letters, documents or other evidence, you should attach photocopies (**DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS**). It is helpful if you mark your attachments as exhibits (A, B, C, etc.), and refer to them in your description of your complaint. **Please do not bind, staple, tab or index your documents. You may underline but DO NOT HIGHLIGHT documents.** Highlighting will obscure the underlying text when scanned into our computers. **Please do not attach media such as audio files, thumb/flash drives, CDs, oversized documents, or photographs. Do not submit .jpeg, .mpeg, .mp3 or links to online materials including Dropbox.** We cannot process any media that cannot be scanned into the electronic record. It is not necessary to include a copy of these instructions.

PART FOUR – Witnesses. Your inquiry/complaint will be considered even if there are no witnesses. If you have witnesses, attach an additional sheet with the name, address and telephone number for each witness, and include a brief description of the facts about which that witness would testify. If you do not attach a list of witnesses, we will presume that you have no witnesses, other than the attorney and yourself.

PART FIVE – Signature. You must sign the form and certify under penalty of perjury that your allegations are true. Unsworn complaints are not considered. **Submit the inquiry/complaint form to our office via U.S. Mail at:**

The Florida Bar
Attn.: ACAP
651 East Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300

Or via email at:

ACAPIntake@floridabar.org

FLORIDA BAR
850 - 561 - 5600

The Florida Bar Inquiry/Complaint Form

TOP - PLEASE DOWNLOAD THIS FORM TO YOUR COMPUTER BEFORE FILLING IT OUT.

PART ONE (See Page 1, PART ONE – Complainant Information.):

Your Name: Ryan Downey

Organization: _____

Address: 205 Meadowlark Lane

City, State, Zip Code: Surry, VA 23883

Phone: 424-443-8436

Email: starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com

ACAP Reference No.: 25 - 3823

Does this complaint pertain to a matter currently in litigation? Yes _____ No X

PART TWO (See Page 1, PART TWO – Attorney Information.):

Attorney's Name: Sam Kaufman Florida Bar No. 144304

Address: 3130 Northside Drive

City, State, Zip Code: Key West, FL 33040

Phone: 305-292-3926

PART THREE (See Page 1, PART THREE – Facts/Allegations.): The specific thing or things I am complaining about are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FOUR (See Page 1, PART FOUR – Witnesses.): The witnesses in support of my allegations are: (attach additional sheet).

PART FIVE (See Page 1, PART FIVE – Acknowledge Oath and Signature.):

YOU MUST PLACE YOUR MARK IN THE BOX ACKNOWLEDGING THE OATH AND YOU MUST SIGN YOUR FULL NAME BELOW.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the foregoing facts are true, correct and complete.

Ryan Downey
Print Name
[Signature]
Signature
10/3/24
Date

File A Lawyer Complaint

ART ONE – COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Ryan Downey

205 Meadowlark Lane

Surry, VA 23883

424/443-8436

ACAP REFERENCE NUMBER- (Called and Told I Would Receive A Number Once I Turned In My Complaint)

PART TWO – LAWYER INFORMATION

Sam Kaufman

BAR # - 144304

3130 Northside Drive

Key West, FL 33040

PART THREE –FACTS/ALLEGATIONS

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Ryan Downey. In the Summer of 2019, I was falsely arrested in Key West Florida and not read my Miranda Rights. To further explain the situation, I was walking down the street when I was approached by two police officers and frisked. I asked them if I was under arrest several times, and they replied no. One of the officers asked that I get into the car, and, I quote, said “I just want to talk.” I reluctantly got into the vehicle, but knew I was guilty of no crime.

Once in the back of the squad car, the arresting officer told me that I was “now under arrest,” a clear violation of Miranda VS Arizona 1967, a constitutional right, as they did not read me my Miranda Rights and I was arrested without just cause. There was one witness, an African American woman on her porch who saw the entire ordeal.

en to the station where I was drug from the vehicle (shocked, confused, screaming, ing), stunned with a taser, and placed into a chair with my hands restrained behind ack and placed into a room for several hours.

I contacted Mr. Kaufman, a former District Attorney and now Defense Attorney, by finding him on Google, hoping he could help rectify the situation. From the initial conversation, there seem to be problems.

After several phone calls where he referred to me as, and I quote, a “felon,” someone who has never been convicted of anything more than a misdemeanor, he told me I had two charges: resisting arrest and assault and battery on an officer (the officer said I jammed his ring finger). Mr. Kaufman said he received this information by talking with the officers though he didn’t provide any information regarding body cam footage, nor ask for the footage in the car, that could have assisted me in the case. Mr. Kaufman continued to speak to me in a negative manner and tone throughout the entire duration of the conversation.

On another occasion, I mentioned to Mr. Kaufman that I was getting ready to attend therapy and that I was suffering post traumatic type stress symptoms from the way I was treated during the arrest. Mr. Kaufman insisted that I should attend therapy, because, and I quote, “at least I would have a defense.” I continued to state my innocence throughout the entire case and encouraged him to perform further follow up, where I received a deaf ear at times and was almost blatantly ignored. Feeling pressure because I paid him \$7500 in full (which I was told would only be if we settled out of court and additional funds would be requested if we went to trial). I continued to state my innocence by asking Mr. Kaufman to please request the camera footage because I had not been read my Miranda Rights so I could not have received those charges, or any charges at all.

After attending therapy for what I believe to be about a year, and being diagnosed, I was finally given a “deal” by Mr. Kaufman, in which I was told I must take because, well, and again, I quote, I am a “felon” (a deal on which I refuted on more than one occasion). Mr. Kaufman insisted that I must take it and refused to listen to even an alternate deal which he previously mentioned, a deal in which one of the charges was dropped (resisting arrest, I believe) and there was something referred to as a “bite from the apple” clause that allowed one felony to be dropped and not go against your record. I offered this as a better solution because Mr. Kaufman refused to listen to the fact that I was arrested without just cause or provide any due diligence as a paid defense attorney.

The deal in which Mr. Kaufman offered, or insisted I take, was one that included one random drug test weekly, and that I was put on probation in Virginia. I informed Mr. Kaufman that I was helping to care for my father who had been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer and that I was currently unable to drive. In addition, the nearest testing facility was

minutes, one way. I also assured him that I did not have any drugs in my possession. I was once again told by Mr. Kaufman, and again, I quote, that it was “the most tests I have ever seen given to anyone and usually standard practice is once a month” that I should take it because, again, I am “a felon.”

I reluctantly felt forced to take the deal, and with nowhere to turn, except to my therapist, who can account for this information, as well as my now deceased father.

I ended up with a violation of my probation and now have a warrant out in Florida, which has made it impossible to continue my career as a white collar public relations executive or obtain permanent housing, in addition to falling into debt.

I have also begun to receive post traumatic stress symptoms once again, including voices at times, which are harmless, as well as sleep deprivation, that has been causing some challenges at work during some days, but I am lucky to be employed by an equal opportunity employer, to which I am very grateful, as I once again begin to rehash details of the incident and the misconduct that I received from Mr. Kaufman, as well as Monroe County Florida and the Key West Police Department. I have contacted my therapist, Dr. Gina Thompson at Thriveworks, for assistance in providing further details of my allegations against Mr. Kaufman to the Florida Bar, and any other pertinent information that might help me validate my version of events. I am happy to submit a polygraph to the bar, as well.

In addition, I am have other information that could be useful to the Florida Bar as well, including the a list of organizations and public departments I have contacted with no avail including Key West Police Chief Sean Bradneburg, who has refused to acknowledge or return my phone calls, regarding the camera footage from that evening. In 2019 I called to request further information and was told my case was “sealed.”

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at 424/443-8436. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Ryan Downey

PART FOUR- WITNESSES

Dr. Gina Thompson
1901 E Franklin Street
Suite 108
Richmond, VA 23223
855/209-3255

Bond # _____ Bond \$ _____ CASE NUMBER: 19CF16420K
(ONE CASE PER PAGE)

Court Opened 9am on 9, 4 / 20 19 with the following officer present:

HONORABLE Wilson MONTH DAY YEAR STATE ATTORNEY Bridger / Cony

DEFENSE ATTORNEY PD COURT REPORTER FTR BAILIFF Caragaci

STATE OF Florida VS Ryan Downey

DEFENDANT CHARGED WITH: 1) Battery 2) Resist officer 3) Resist officer

4) _____ 5) _____ 6) _____

PLED TO COUNTS: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

4) _____ 5) _____ 6) _____

PLEA

- In jail
- Denial
- Present with Attorney
- Negotiated plea
- Bond Set \$ _____
- Other Capias
- Not Guilty
- Demand Filed
- Present Without Attorney
- Guilty
- PSI Ordered
- 10 Days Granted For Motion
- 40 Paid App Fee W/ 7 Days
- Not Present In Court
- Nolo-Contendre
- Speedy Trial
- PD Appt (_____) Contact Weekly
- Information File
- Issue Capias
- Bond Estreated
- Factual Basis

\$50,000 each count

Sentencing Date: _____ Accepts Plea / Admission No Objection to Score Sheet _____ PTS

SENTENCE

IT IS THE JUDGEMENT OF THE COURT AND THE SENTENCE OF THE LAW THAT YOU, THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

- Adjudication Guilty _____
- Adjudication Withheld _____
- Nolle-Prosequi _____
- Placed on Probation _____
- Drug Offender _____
- After Care _____
- Drug Court _____
- Probation Revoked _____
- Probation Restored _____
- New Period of Probation _____
- _____ Hours Comm Service _____ Hours Monthly
- Electronic Monitor Phone Line Inst. within 10 days _____
- Community Control - Period of _____
- New Period of Community Control _____
- Complete terms probation w/in _____ Months
- Indigent for Cost of Supervision _____
- Confined to MCSO Jail for _____ Days
- Jail Program _____
- Jip Program _____
- PSW/COS Waived during Jail / Program _____
- Early Release Review After JIP Program _____
- Care Center _____
- Hold & Transport (bed space) to _____
- Furlough Granted Start _____ / End _____
- Same Terms and Conditions _____
- Make up Arrears _____
- State Prison _____
- Credit For Time Served (CFTS) _____
- Tier Program or Other W/ Prison _____
- Other _____
- Sentence Concurrent _____
- Sentence Consecutive _____
- Urinalysis _____ Weekly
- 90 / 90 Program _____
- Psychological Evaluation _____
- Report to DOC within _____ of Release
- NA / AA Meetings _____ Weekly
- License Revoked / Suspended _____ Work Permit _____
- Interlock Device _____
- DUI School _____ Impound _____
- No Contact with Victim _____
- Make equal monthly installments _____
- No Harmful Contact _____
- Previously Imposed JL Remains in Effect _____
- Surrender Weapons _____
- Daily Activity/Exercise as directed 1/2-1 hr Daily 3xs week _____
- Individ/Group Counseling w/Res. Trmt. if needed _____
- Sub Abuse Eval W/ _____ days & treatment if needed _____
- Indigent for Evaluation/Treatment _____
- Advised of Immigration Rights _____ Appeal Rights _____

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2019 SEP 10 10:00 AM
CLERK OF COURT
MONROE COUNTY, FLA

COSTS

- Attorney's Fees \$ _____
- F.S. 27.3455 - \$ _____
- BOCC - \$ _____
- Fines \$ _____
- Cost _____
- Judgment Lien \$ _____
- Cost Super DOC - \$ _____
- SA \$ _____
- Convert Fines to CSW @ \$10.00/hr _____
- Early Term _____
- MCSO \$ _____
- FHP \$ _____
- FFWL - \$ _____
- PD \$ _____
- Bond Money - deduct court cost \$ _____
- Refund Bond Money _____
- Restitution \$ _____
- OTHER INFORMATION: _____

IN THE COURT OF THE 16TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF
FLORIDA IN AND FOR MONROE
COUNTY

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RYAN DOWNEY,

Defendant.

CASE NO: 19-CF-642-K

MOTION TO VACATE BENCH WARRANT AND BOND ESTREATURE

COMES NOW the Defendant, RYAN DOWNEY, by and through the undersigned counsel, and files this Motion to Vacate Arrest Warrant and Bond Estreature in the above-styled cause and in support states as follows:

1. This Honorable Court issued an arrest warrant on September 4, 2019 in this case after calling the Defendant's name and the Defendant not being present at the arraignment in this matter.
2. The notice for the September 4, 2019 arraignment was sent to the wrong address and the Defendant never received same. The notice for September 4, 2019 was signed by a deputy clerk of the court on August 26, 2019 but same states it was delivered on August 23, 2019. The same notice states that the delivery was made by mail to a "Woodsville Road" address in Virginia, but that was a different address as noted on the previously scheduled arraignment on August 23, 2019.
3. The Defendant signed for his notice for the August 23rd arraignment on August 3, 2019. That previous notice included a different address on "Old Castor Road" in Virginia.

EX. B

4. Because the Defendant was not mailed notice of his arraignment to the correct address, the Defendant respectfully requests that the bench warrant and bond estreatment be vacated. Both notices are attached to this motion.
5. The Defendant requests that this matter be set on the next available arraignment docket.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant prays for an Order of Court vacating the warrant and bond estreatment.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished to the Office of the State Attorney, 16th Judicial Circuit, Key West, Florida, this 21st day of October, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Law Offices of Samuel J. Kaufman, P.A.

/s/Samuel J. Kaufman
Samuel J. Kaufman, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 0144304
Law Offices of Samuel J. Kaufman, P.A.
3130 Northside Drive
Key West, Florida 33040
Telephone: (305) 292-3926
Facsimile: (305) 295-7947 Email designation for
service: service.criminal@samkaufmanlaw.com

Bond # _____ Bond \$ _____

CASE NUMBER: 19CF1042K

Court Opened 130 on 11 / 8 / 2019 with the following officer present: (ONE CASE PER PAGE)

HONORABLE WILSON STATE ATTORNEY Flanigan

DEFENSE ATTORNEY Kauffman COURT REPORTER FTR BAILIFF Hughes

STATE OF Florida VS Ryan Downey

DEFENDANT CHARGED WITH: 1) Batt on d/c 2) RAWV 3) RAWV

4) _____ 5) _____ 6) _____

PLED TO COUNTS: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

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SENTENCE - reinstate bond

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- Early Term _____
- FFWL - \$ _____
- Refund Bond Money _____
- BOCC - \$ _____
- SA \$ _____
- MCSO \$ _____
- PD \$ _____
- Restitution \$ _____

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16th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT/FELONY
IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FL

19-CF-000642-A-K

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STATE OF FLORIDA

V.

Ryan Scheuering Downey
6955 Woodsville RD
Hayes VA 23072-3122

DESCRIPTION:

DOB/12/21/1978

SEX/Male

RACE/White

HEIGHT/5 Ft. 10 In.

WEIGHT/175 Lbs.

EYES/Brown

HAIR/

To All and Singular the Sheriffs of the State of Florida, Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to take Ryan Scheuering Downey if he/she be found in your County, and him/her safely keep so that you have his/her body before the Judge of our County/Circuit Court in and for the County of Monroe and State of Florida at the Court House Annex in Key West, instantler, to answer unto the State of Florida on an information filed against him/her by the State Attorney for:

784.07 2b	BATTERY - ON OFFICER FIREFIGHTER EMT ETC	50,000.00
843.01	RESIST OFFICER - WITH VIOLENCE	50,000.00
843.02	RESIST OFFICER - OBSTRUCT WO VIOLENCE	50,000.00

*ERRONEOUS
CHARGES
ALL OF
THEM.*

And have you then and there this writ.

WITNESS, Honorable Judge, also Kevin Madok, Clerk of said Court, and the Seal of our said Court, at the Court House in Key West aforesaid on this the 4th day of September, 2019
Dennis Ward. STATE ATTORNEY

[Signature]
Deputy Clerk of the 16th Judicial
Circuit in and for Monroe County, FL

Received this Capias the ___ day of
___ A.D. 20___ and executed it
on the ___ day of ___ 20___

Appearance Bond fixed at \$150,000

on this the 4th day of September, 2019

RECALLED

Sheriff

Deputy Sheriff

[Signature]
Judge

DATE RECALLED: 12/31/19

CLERK: Kentic [Signature]

FTA: 9/4/19

MCSO WARRANTS OFFICER CALLED: [Signature]

TIME/DATE FAXED TO MCSO: [Signature]

Ex. C

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND
FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,**

CASE NUMBER: 19-CF-642-K

v.

**RYAN DOWNEY,
Defendant.**

AMENDED NOTICE OF TAKING DEPOSITION

(AMENDED LOCATION)

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the undersigned attorney of record for the Defendant herein will take the deposition as follows at the State Attorney's Office located at 530 Whitehead Street, Key West, FL 33040 on:

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

10:00 A.M. EDWARD J. CUNEO
10:20 A.M. EDWARD CUNEO
10:40 A.M. BRETT THOMAS DEHANAS
11:00 A.M. ANTHONY MAR GILLESPIE
11:20 A.M. MATTHEW A. HANSELL
11:40 A.M. DAVID KOURI

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing was furnished to the Office of the State Attorney, this 11th day of MARCH, 2020.

Law Offices of Samuel J. Kaufman, P.A.



Samuel J. Kaufman
3130 Northside Drive
Key West, Florida 33040
Tel. (305) 292-3926
Fax (305) 295-7947
Florida Bar Number 0144304

EX. E

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY,
STATE OF FLORIDA

LOWER KEYS CRIMINAL DIVISION

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MONROE COUNTY FLA

State of Florida

vs.

Case Number 2019CF00642AK

Ryan Scheuering Downey
W/M, DOB: 12/21/1978

INFORMATION FOR:

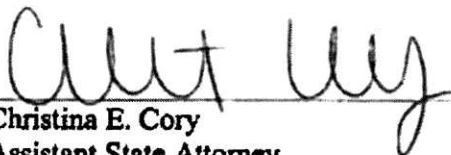
- 1) Battery on a Police Officer 784.07 2b (3 F)
- 2) Resisting Officer with Violence 843.01 (3 F)

In the Name and by Authority of the State of Florida:

Dennis W. Ward, State Attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, prosecuting for the State of Florida in the said Judicial Circuit, under oath, information makes that Defendant, Ryan Scheuering Downey on or about August 3, 2019, in the County of Monroe and State of Florida, did actually and intentionally touch or strike Edward Cuneo, a law enforcement officer, against the will of Edward Cuneo while Edward Cuneo was engaged in the lawful performance of a duty and while Ryan Scheuering Downey knew that Edward Cuneo was a law enforcement officer, contrary to Florida Statute 784.07(2)(b).

COUNT 2: And the said Dennis W. Ward, State Attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, prosecuting for the State of Florida in the said Judicial Circuit, under oath, further information makes that Defendant, Ryan Scheuering Downey on or about August 3, 2019, in the County of Monroe and State of Florida, did knowingly and intentionally resist, obstruct or oppose Edward Cuneo and/or David Kouri and/or Antony Gillespie, law enforcement officers of the Key West Police Department, in the execution of a legal process or in the lawful execution of a legal duty, by offering or doing violence to the person of such officer, contrary to Florida Statute 843.01.

The State hereby "NO ACTIONS"
all remaining charges in this case.



Christina E. Cory
Assistant State Attorney
Florida Bar No. 106998
530 Whitehead Street, Suite 301
Key West, Florida 33040
(305) 292-3400
ccory@keyssao.org

EX. F

STATE OF FLORIDA,)
COUNTY OF MONROE) #

Personally appeared before me, Christina E. Cory, Assistant State Attorney for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida who is personally known to me and whose signature appears above, and who being duly sworn, says that the allegations set forth in this Information are based upon facts that have been sworn to as true, and which, if true, would constitute the offense(s) charged and further certifies that this prosecution is instituted in good faith and based upon testimony received under oath from the material witness or witnesses for the offense(s).

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 22 day of August 2019.

Christina E. Cory
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida



**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

STATE OF FLORIDA,

Plaintiff,

CASE NO.: 21-MM-1547-K

v.

RYAN S. DOWNEY,

Defendant.

STATEMENT OF NEGOTIATED PLEA

1. My full name is **RYAN S. DOWNEY** and I acknowledge that I am the individual charged in the above-styled cause with the following criminal offenses:

Count 1: Battery – F.S. 784.03 (1) misdemeanor

State agrees to:

Adjudication on Counts 1

2. I understand that the maximum penalties provided by law which may be imposed upon conviction are as follows:

Count 1: \$1,000 fine; 364 days county jail

3. I wish to withdraw my prior plea of not guilty and plead No Contest to the charge (s) of:

Count 1: Battery – F.S. 784.03 (1) misdemeanor

4. The Defendant and the State, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3.171, Fla. R. Crim. P., enter into the following negotiated plea, to be presented to the Court for acceptance:

Count 1: Battery – F.S. 784.03 (1) misdemeanor

-Adjudication of Guilt, 12 months probation, standard fine and court costs, mental health and substance abuse evaluations with follow up treatment as recommended, anger management course, no consumption of alcohol or controlled substances (without prescription) during probation, random urinalysis with 4 per month.


5. Other than the plea agreement set out directly as shown in paragraph 4, no one has made any promises or guarantees to me in exchange for me pleading guilty or no contest. No one has threatened me or in any way forced me to enter this plea. I am doing this freely and voluntarily.
6. I am represented by Samuel J. Kaufman.
7. I have told my lawyer all the facts and circumstances known to me about the charges against me. I believe my lawyer is fully informed on all such matters. My lawyer has consulted and advised with me on the nature of each charge; on any and all lesser included charges; and all possible defenses that I might have in this case. Any questions I have had about my case have been answered to my satisfaction.
8. I am satisfied with my lawyer's services, and feel that my attorney has represented me to the best of his/her ability.
9. I understand that I may plead not guilty to any offense charged against me. If I choose to plead not guilty the Constitution guarantees me the right to maintain that plea and (a) the right to a speedy trial and public trial by jury; (b) the right to see, hear and face in open court all witness called to testify against me; (c) the right to use the power and process of the Court to compel the production of any evidence including the attendance of any witness in my favor; (d) the right to have the assistance of a lawyer at all stages of the proceedings and to have one appointed for me if necessary; and (e) also the right to take the witness stand at my sole option; and if I do not take the witness stand I understand the jury; at my request, will be told that this may not be held against me; (f) further if convicted I have the right to appeal the verdict and sentence.
10. I understand that by pleading no contest I give up these rights and do not contest the truth of the charge(s) against me; I understand that the effect of my plea of no contest is the same as being convicted after trial.
11. I understand that a plea of guilty admits the facts of the charge and a plea of not guilty denies the charge.
12. I have read the citation/information in this case and I understand the charge(s), the essential elements of the crime (s), and possible defenses to the crime(s). I understand that if I am on parole, my parole may be revoked and I can be returned to prison to complete that sentence; if I am on probation, my probation can be revoked and I can receive a separate sentence up to the maximum on the probation charge in addition to the sentence imposed on this case.
13. I give up my right to have the prosecutor recite to the judge the facts showing my guilty (factual basis) before she accepts my plea.
14. I understand that the maximum sentence that the court can impose is **Three-hundred, sixty-five Days County Jail.

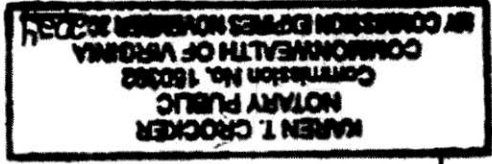
15. I have read every word in this written plea. I have discussed this written plea with my lawyer and I fully understand it. I am fully satisfied with the way my lawyer has handled this case for me.
16. I understand, and my attorney has explained to me IF I am NOT a United States Citizen, any plea of guilty or Nolo Contendere subjects me to deportation to the Law of Regulations of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service.
17. I understand that I waive my right to appeal the rulings of the Court made previously in this case except as specifically reserved below: None.
18. I acknowledge that this negotiated plea was made knowingly, voluntarily and free of any coercion; no promises other than those set forth above regarding the deposition of this action were made to induce my plea.
19. I understand I have the right to appeal the judgment and sentence of the Court within thirty (30) days from the date of the sentence. I understand that if I wish to take an appeal and cannot afford an attorney to help in my appeal, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent me for that purpose.
20. I understand that if I have been previously convicted of a qualifying sexual offense in the past that this conviction may be used in an attempt to have me involuntarily committed via a civil proceeding or placed on electronic monitoring; for which I may be financially liable.

I HEREBY SWEAR UNDER OATH AND PENALTY FOR PERJURY THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING PLEA AGREEMENT, THAT I UNDERSTAND IT AND THAT IT IS TRUE.


RYAN S. DOWNEY
Defendant

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 18 day of August, 2021, by Ryan S. Downey, () who is personally known to me or has produced driver's license as identification.


Notary Public
State of Virginia



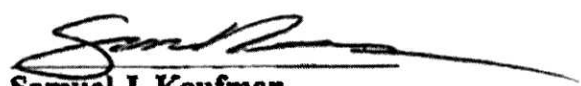
My Commission Expires: 11/20/2024

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNSEL

I, the undersigned member of the Florida Bar, hereby represent to the Court that I have represented the above-named Defendant; that I have reviewed and explained this Statement of Negotiated Plea to the Defendant; and to the best of my knowledge and believe the Defendant fully understands its content.

I further hereby assure the Court that so far I know no assurances or understandings have been given to the Defendant as to the disposition of his case which are different or contrary to what is being outlined above.

Date: 1st day of Nov., 2021.


Samuel J. Kaufman
FBN.: 144304

CERTIFICATE OF STATE ATTORNEY

I hereby assure the Court that the terms of this negotiated plea, as set forth above, are tendered to the Court with the consent of the State of Florida and the victim (s) and/or arresting officers.


Assistant State Attorney

(X) A factually basis was heard and found sufficient to support the charge(s) and its sufficiency stipulated to by counsel.

The Court finds that you, RYAN S. DOWNEY, are alert and intelligent, that you understand the nature of the charge(s) against you and appreciate the consequences of pleading, guilty or nolo contendere, and that you understand that by pleading guilty or nolo contendere, waive your rights as indicated in the foregoing affidavit, and that the facts the State is prepared to prove are sufficient to sustain a plea. The Court finds that your decision to plead guilty or nolo contendere is freely, voluntarily and intelligently made and that you have had the advice of counsel of a competent lawyer with whom you say you are satisfied. Your plea of guilty or nolo contendere is accepted.

Dated: 03 NOVEMBER 2021


HON. JUDGE MARK WILSON
COUNTY COURT JUDGE

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Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

FALSE ARREST/POLICE BRUTALITY KEY WEST POLICE CAUGHT ON POLICE BODY CAM DASH CAM AUG 2019

Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Thu, Nov 21, 2024 at 12:33 PM

To: acluva@acluva.org, acluflonline@aclufl.org, SHostetler78@gmail.com

To Whom It May Concern at the ACLU,

In August 2019 I was falsely arrested in Key West Florida without being read my Miranda Rights. I was given three erroneous felonies and hired a former District Attorney, Sam Kaufman, as my Defense Attorney. During the arrest, I was brutalized by Key West Officers, including being tased above my heart more than once while having my hands restrained and bag over my head. There was one witness, an African American woman on her porch who was never interviewed by Mr. Kaufman.

I now have a complaint for malpractice against Samuel Kaufman at the Florida Bar. He has refused to return my phone calls and now has my number blocked to his office. I have requested that he refund my money for the representation, which he has refused.

After five years of requesting footage and being told the case was sealed, I now have these tapes in my possession. I also have two falsified police reports as well.


I am forwarding you the videotapes and the reports are attached. I am asking for help in trying to find the right representation in moving forward against my case with Key West.

I can be reached at 424 443 8436 or starving screenwriter1978@gmail.com.

Thank you so much.

Ryan Downey

2 attachments

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 **BP-70C45_20241121_112110.pdf**
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SENT ACLU ^{NAT. & FL.}
FALSE
POLICE
REPORTS (2)
AND ALL
VIDEOS



Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Requesting Body Cam Footage- October 2019 LaGuardia Airport NYC

Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>
To: jcbwcreview@usdoj.gov, SHostetler78@gmail.com

Thu, Oct 31, 2024 at 12:31 PM

Good afternoon,

My name is Ryan Downey. I left a message on Saturday October 26, 2024 around 5:00PM and today, October 31, 2024, shortly after 10:00am, requesting video footage (body cam footage) via FOIA.

When I was flying to Montreal in October 2019 for a quick vacation, I was arrested by two Federal Marshalls that walked me (and my cat IndicCo in a carrier) in handcuffs through LaGuardia airport and kept me in the airport Jail, run by Queens Police. I believe it was sometime between October 10 and October 20 but can't be completely sure.

This case is related to a complaint I have with the Florida Bar with a former defense attorney where there were a string of malpractice incidents that led to a false arrest and an essentially then a false arrest by the Federal Marshalls.

I am hoping to obtain a copy of that footage to provide to the Florida Bar. Please contact me at 424 443 8436 or starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you so much.

Ryan Downey

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Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

United States Marshals Service FOIA Submission

2 messages

USMS FOIA <USMS.FOIA@usdoj.gov>

Fri, Nov 1, 2024 at 11:05 AM

To: "starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com" <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Good Day Mr. Downey,

It was a pleasure speaking with you today. As stated, I am providing details via this email how to submit your Freedom of Information Act Request to the United States Marshals Service.

Please read this entire email before submitting your request.

When submitting a FOIA Request please visit USMS FOIA Portal or FOIA.Gov (visit if having difficulty submitting via our Public Access Link)

To submit your request online click the **"Sign In"** link on the top right to sign in or register. Once logged in, click the **"Submit a FOIA Request"** link and complete the online form.

Not Receiving your password reset code or log in information

In many instances when problems occur, referencing "Log In" issues it is your internet provider and their "Firewall." I do not see any issues on this end, and we did not receive any messages regarding your email or your password request. You may wish to contact your email provider to ensure they are not blocking your log in. Additionally, you may wish to do the following:

1. Please check your spam and junk mail, in most instance the password reset code and/or email is being sent to the requestor's spam/junk mailbox.
2. If reset code is not in your Spam/Junk, then it is more than likely the security measures set up by your email and or internet service provider. Please contact your email and or internet provider for assistance.

FOIA Request Submission: Request must be in writing, please ensure that you are seeking USMS records, please specify exactly what records you are seeking and ensure your request is clear and concise and includes the location (district of office) the records would be located.

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Submission ID: 1671171

Success!

Your FOIA request has been created and is being sent to the United States Marshals Service.

You'll hear back from the agency confirming receipt in the coming weeks using the contact information you provided. If you have questions about your request, feel free to reach out to the agency FOIA personnel using the information provided below.

Contact the agency

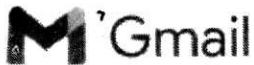
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Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Incident report clarification

3 messages

Sharon Ashe (Monroe County Sheriff Office, FL)

Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 10:03 AM

<MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com>

Reply-To: 9ee18fdb-e699-4f93-a870-a13fa2730707.MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com

To: starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com

We will need more information to narrow our search for your requested records.

What is the First and Last names of the person(s) involved?

What is the Date of Birth of the person(s) involved?

Who was the officer who aided you/them with this incident?

Where did the incident occur?

The incident occurred on what date?

Did you receive any ticket #'s?

MARATHON
PULL
OVER
LEAVING
KEY WEST
AUG 11TH,
2019

Also video footage for incidentals and/or traffic citations have a 90 day retention. The footage you are requesting from 2019 may no longer be available.

Kind regards,

Sharon Ashe

Central Records



Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at 12:34 PM

To: 9ee18fdb-e699-4f93-a870-a13fa2730707.MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com

Cc: SHostetler78@gmail.com, acapintake@floridabar.org

Hi Sharon,

Please call me at 424 443 8436.

The name is Ryan Downey and the date of birth is 12 1978.

I believe the incident occurred on Aug 11 2019. Please check the records for when I got out of jail.

It was night and occurred in marathon Florida under jurisdiction of Monroe county where I went to jail.

I am currently in a serious complaint process with the Florida bar and the entire Police report was completely false and the tapes verify that statement.

I was pulled over leaving Monroe in marathon the day I was released from jail, and unauthorized pull over. I was given a field sobriety test and let go, and told my license was revoked in Florida.

I couldn't tell you the name of the officers but I was driving a white Toyota Tacoma with the license plate SLVRFXX.

Thank you so much.

Ryan Downey

[Quoted text hidden]

Sharon Ashe (Monroe County Sheriff Office, FL) <MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com>

Fri, Nov 8, 2024 at
12:54 PM

Reply-To: 9ee18fdb-e699-4f93-a870-a13fa2730707.MonroeCountySheriffFL@request.justfoia.com

To: starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com

Cc: shostetler78@gmail.com

Thank you for the response. I have located the citation and have attached it. The incident happened on August 9th 2019. The body cam footage of the officers involved during the evening of August 9, 2019 (at least 2) has met retention and is no longer available.

Kind regards,

Sharon Ashe

Central Records

On Fri, Nov 08, 2024 at 12:37 pm, Ryan Downey wrote:

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Sharon Ashe

Central Records

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Thank you for submitting a request for records.

Your security key is **1221805A**.

Your request reference number is **PRR-4804-2024**.

Please have this security key and reference number available when communicating with our staff regarding your request. If you have supplied an email address, you will receive a confirmation of your submission that contains the above information.

Please note that if you chose not to provide contact information, this reference number should be used when communicating with staff and/or when picking up the records related to this request. Additionally, if no contact information was provided, you must contact the appropriate office to verify receipt of your request, to learn of any applicable fees, and authorize your request to move forward, prior to your request moving forward.



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ACAP Ref # 25-3823; The Florida Bar File No.: 2025-70, 204 (16A)

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Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 1:25 PM

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To: <acapintake@floridabar.org>, Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com>

CITY OF
HAMPTON
AS RELATES
TO KEY WEST.

Dear Ms. Suhm,

I wanted to retract the statement that Mr. Kaufman did not receive medical records. However, he did not ever contact Ms. Thompson, my therapist, at all.

In addition, Mr. Kaufman requested information from the city of Hampton but never did use it to help me, including information that I was meeting with an EAP officer, and only told me that "I don't see anything included that would help you," though it did include information that I was currently meeting with an EAP officer and an outside company to perform a Fit for Duty test. The company has refused twice to give me access to the records, though it does say my lawyer is able to recover the records of requested.

To further elaborate, I filed a grievance against my director at the Hampton Convention and Visitor Bureau, Mary Fugere with the City of Hampton Human Resources Department because I was forced to be put on a program that would essentially require me to assume an overload of work even though I had spoken with her about an employee in my department that was not performing her duties as assigned (I was the Director of my Department and had approached Mary Fugere on several occasions requesting assistance with the employee).

I decided to file a grievance and was told I had every right to file a grievance by a City of Hampton Human Resources Representative because my director would be unable to place me on a program (basically a reprimand) because I had received 4s and 5s every quarter on my evaluation performances. I was told to bring paperwork back to Human Resources after I stated the initial grievance process.

When I returned to the Human Resources Office after returning to my office to retrieve the paperwork, the employee changed his behavior towards me and asked me to leave and go back to my office to basically seek a retroactive evaluation that would allow Ms Fugere to enforce the reprimanded program. When I asked if this was the case, he denied it and told me my "back was against the wall" and I better go back immediately. When I sought future clarification on why I was unable to move further with my grievance process and I discussed, he threatened to call my boss Mary Fugere, while I was in the room. When I pointed out this was in violation of Human Resources policies, he became further agitated and actually picked up the phone to call her. He spoke to her (or pretended to do so) and then I asked to be out on paid administrative leave or be transferred to Marketing Inc, another marketing branch of the city, for fear of retaliation against Ms. Fugere. He refused and I eventually left the office not returning to work asking him to please call me for paid administrative leave or to consider transferring me immediately.

I was later called by Ms Fugere and told that I would be placed on paid administrative leave by the City and was on it for about two months attending meetings with an outside source located in the Peninsula Town Center section of Hampton.

I begin experiencing typical issues but was never unfit for work, I just was concerned that my rights had been violated by the City of Hampton Human Resources Department.

Though I left it out of the initial complaint, I did tell Mr Kaufman about the situation and the street it out me under as I decided I was going to ride iut paid administrative leave and decided to put my house on the market. I told him that it because issue and this later led to me receiving a "psychotic break" diagnosis from Ms Thompson at Thrive works.

After requesting this information I was later told by Mr Kaufman that any of the information I received wouldnt help me at all. Though he did receive medical records he outright refused to call my therapist. To this point Ms Thompson has not

been reached out to by the bar at all and she is my lead witness. Again I want to make sure she is contacted so that she can corroborate that my side of the events are true, and I am again happy to provide a polygraph test.

Something that happened after the key West ordeal was that when I returned home the city of Hampton let me go. Someone in my family may have contacted the department performing the test and told them I was unable to attend the meeting because there was knowledge of key West and that I had misplaced my phone during the ordeal.

I am contacting my boss Mary Fugere for further clarification on why exactly I was let go and who informed her on the issues in case because all along I maintained my innocence. The only person that could have informed her that I was unable to attend my final meeting because I was the falsely arrested would have been my grandfather and his name and number could only be taken from the jail where he set up an account in my name to make phone calls because later my grandfather called me in September of 2019 to say that I had missed an arraignment in Florida.

We are confused on who contacted him to let him know and why he was clued in as my grandfather died have a fib and does some have some memory issues. He does remember exactly who called him to tell him I had missed an arraignment.

I wanted to include this information in my rebutal to Mr Kaufman's rebutal.

Please call me with any questions.

Thank you so much. 424 443 8436

I will send an email with medical records that Mr Kaufman received.

Ryan Downey

On Thu, Oct 24, 2024, 1:18 PM Ryan Downey <starvingscreenwriter1978@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Suhm:

Below is my response to Mr. Kaufman's rebuttal.

Please call me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you so much.

Ryan Downey



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Dead Ms Suhm,

There is addendum that I wanted to add to this rebutal to Sam Kaufman's rebutal as well.

When I was flying to Montreal in October 2019 for a quick vacation, I was arrested by two Federal Marshalls that walked me (and my cat IndiCo in a carrier) in handcuffs through LaGuardia airport and kept me in the Airport Jail, essentially run by Queens Police. So this false arrest caused me to be falsely arrested by two Federal Marshalls who refused to look at my paperwork that I had been bailed out by Robert Morris Bailbonds in Newport News, VA. I'm sure the airport tape is available through FOIA of the airport that day as well as the Queens Police Holding Cell at the Airport.

Robert Morris urged me to come back because they thought I was, and I quote, "fleeing the county"? So I was unable to vacation in one of my favorite cities and arrested and essentially embarrassed in the airport because of his incident in Key West, where in the the words of Sam Kaufman and the Key West Police, I "allegedly" committed violent acts and resisted arrest, in lieu of what the camera footage suggests, and did so from the back of a squad car that I got into not under arrest and of my own volition.

If I am able to add this I would like to, please let me know and I may resubmit if it is not currently being processed.

Thank you so much again for you assistance. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Ryan Downey
424 443 8436

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