



Brevard County Sheriff's Office  
Titusville, Florida

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** June 25, 2020  
**TO:** Deputy Jafet Santiago Miranda #4168  
**FROM:** Chief Deputy Douglas Waller  
**RE:** Final Action  
Command Inquiry 2020-CI-003

<b>A TRUE COPY</b>	
TIME	1:21 P.M.
DATE	6/26/2020
<b>BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>	
Received By: Jafet Santiago Miranda	
	
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Signature of Agent/Deputy	

Command Inquiry **2020-CI-003** is now closed. The Final Action regarding this matter is the determination of sustained charges and the application of an appropriate corrective action. This Administrative Investigation was initiated over concerns with your actions and concerning behavior while in an off-duty capacity.

On April 19, 2020, you choose to take personal leave.

The situation caused me concern in your ability to perform as a deputy sheriff, and as such, you were placed on Suspension Without Pay beginning on May 1, 2020, until such time as the incidents could be thoroughly investigated.

Prior to making any final determinations in this matter, I reviewed the investigative file and took into consideration the comments your Commanding Officer and you made during your Pre-Termination hearing on June 24, 2020. Based on this review, I find that you engaged in a course of behavior that is unacceptable for a deputy sheriff. Although this was an emotionally charged time period in your life, you intentionally engaged in an unacceptable pattern of behavior.

Numerous other situations developed as a result of the ongoing conflict between you and your spouse, to include a confrontation between you, your wife, her sister and several interactions with your wife's coworkers at the Titusville Police Department with whom she was allegedly having intimate relationships.

The interactions with your spouse deteriorated to the point that a capias request was submitted on you by Titusville Police Department regarding an April 19, 2020 incident,

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with allegations of Battery-Domestic Violence and Child Neglect. The Office of the State Attorney reviewed the charging recommendations and chose not to file any criminal violations.

Based on my review of this incident, and in acknowledgment of your input during the Pre-Deprivation hearing, I find that your actions were *in violation* of the following policies:

- *Section 300.03 Harassment*
- *Section 400.00, General Professional Responsibilities*
- *Section 400.04 Substandard Performance*
- *Section 400.06 Compliance with Law and Regulation*

The next step in this process is to determine the appropriate corrective action. To assist in my determination, I considered the comments of your Commanding Officer who spoke highly of your performance history.

As a corrective action in this matter, you will receive a **Three Hundred Twenty (320) Hour Suspension Without Pay.**

Although you accepted full responsibility for your actions, you have adversely affected the good order and reputation of the Sheriff's Office and our employees. Your actions reflected a pattern of conduct contrary to acceptable standards of performance. The conduct of your wife or any of her coworkers is disturbing as alleged, but does not in any manner mitigate your intentional actions and behavior.

Upon execution of the *Final Agreement*, you have agreed to voluntarily accept the **Three Hundred Twenty (320) Hour Suspension Without Pay** as the corrective action. Under the terms of the Final Agreement, you have agreed not to file or process a potential grievance through Civil Service Appeal or under the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and the Coastal Florida Police Benevolent Association, Inc., or otherwise contest this suspension or the terms of this *Final Agreement*. Additionally, through your representative, Al Boettjer, from the Coastal Florida Police Benevolent Association, Inc. (PBA), the parties, (Brevard County Sheriff's Office and Coastal Florida Police Benevolent Association, Inc.) agree this agreement shall not set or create any precedent related to the requirements of Article 7 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The unpaid suspension will be served beginning retroactively on May 1, 2020, through June 26, 2020. While on unpaid suspension, you are not to enter into the secured areas of any Brevard County Sheriff's Office facility.

Through your representative, Al Boettjer, from the Coastal Florida Police Benevolent Association (PBA), you have waived reimbursement of any hours used during your

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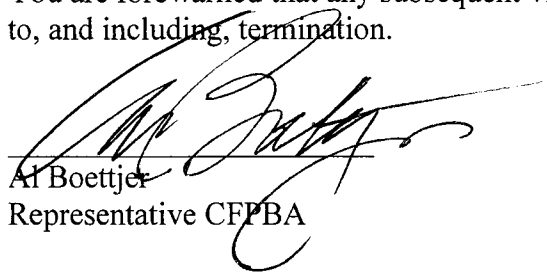
personal leave beginning on April 19, 2020, through April 30, 2020, that you may have otherwise been entitled to, pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement Article 7.

Due to your extended time in an unpaid suspension status while this investigation was conducted, the Office of the Sheriff has decided to mitigate your discipline to reflect the hours of unpaid suspension as the disciplinary action. Upon the service of this document by competent authority, you are returned to duty as a deputy sheriff and are to report to West Precinct at the discretion of Commander Bruce Barnett beginning no earlier than June 27, 2020.

During the investigation it was discussed that your conduct was negatively affected by events in your personal life. Professional assistance is available through our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and I would encourage you continue to take advantage of the programs. Please direct any questions regarding the Employee Assistance Program to Human Resources Manager Lisa Gillis.

Please direct any questions on this matter to Commander James Donn of the Staff Services Unit.

You are forewarned that any subsequent violations could lead to progressive discipline up to, and including, termination.

  
Al Boettjer  
Representative CFPBA

06/26/2020  
Date

cc: Commander Bruce Barnett  
Human Resources Manager Lisa Gillis  
CFO William Spinelli  
Case File 2020-CI-003



Brevard County Sheriff's Office  
Titusville, Florida

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chief Deputy Douglas Waller

**FROM:** Agent Joseph Bracey, Professional Standards Unit

**DATE:** June 15, 2020

**RE:** Administrative Investigation 2020-CI-003  
Deputy Jafet Santiago (#4168)

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**I. Summary**

On April 18, 2020, Mrs. Frances Santiago contacted the non-emergency telephone number for the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Communications Center (dispatch) requesting to speak to the West Precinct supervisor of her husband, Deputy Jafet Santiago (ID# 4168). Mrs. Frances Santiago alleged that her husband had threatened violence during a telephone call earlier in the day. The content of the alleged statements pertained to Mrs. Santiago's co-worker and intimate partner, Mr. John Cruz.

Mrs. Frances Santiago, Mr. John Cruz and Mr. Ezekial DeVoss are employed with the Titusville Police Department as sworn law enforcement officers, Mrs. Santiago being a Detective, Mr. Cruz being a Sergeant and Mr. Ezekial DeVoss being a Detective.

Based on the perceived threatening nature of the alleged comments made by Deputy Santiago, I was notified of the incident and provided verbal authorization as directed by Chief Deputy Douglas Waller to respond to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, North Precinct, to commence a formal Administrative Investigation concerning the allegations against, and actions of Deputy Santiago.

Independent sworn interviews were initiated with Lieutenant Tyler Wright (TPD), Sergeant John Cruz (TPD), and Detective Frances Santiago (TPD). Those interviews documented details of various alleged prior incidents that involved Deputy Santiago, which had not been previously reported to either the Titusville Police Department or the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

Chief Deputy Douglas Waller directed that Deputy Santiago be placed on paid Administrative Leave pending a full Administrative Investigation into the allegations with all high liability agency assigned equipment to be collected immediately.

On Sunday, April 19, 2020, Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago were involved in a domestic disturbance that resulted in Titusville Police Department's response, and subsequent criminal investigation (TPD Case Number 2020-00027450).

Deputy Santiago voluntarily choose to take Personal Leave effective April 19, 2020, after the April 19, 2020, domestic disturbance.

That criminal investigation was conducted by Titusville Police Department Lieutenant Josh Little. Upon the conclusion of that investigation, Lieutenant Little submitted a Capias Request with the State Attorney's Office charging Deputy Santiago with violations of *F.S.S. 784.03 Battery-Domestic Violence* and *F.S.S. 827.03(3)(a) Child Neglect*.

Due to the filing of criminal charges, Deputy Santiago's Personal Leave status was amended to reflect his *Suspension Without Pay* effective May 1, 2020, until such time as a more thorough investigation of the matter could be concluded.

## **II. Potential Policy Violations:**

- *300.03 Harassment*
- *400.00 General Professional Responsibilities*
- *400.06 Compliance with Law and Regulation*
- *400.27 Prohibited Activity While On-Duty*

## **III. Witness Interviews:**

### **Frances Santiago Titusville Police Department-Detective**

On Saturday, April 18, 2020, Agent Kyle Williams and I met with Mrs. Frances Santiago at the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, North Precinct, to conduct a sworn, audio-recorded witness interview, and she provided the following summarized statement in essence:

Mrs. Santiago explained that she and Deputy Santiago were married on March 30, 2014 and they have an eight (8) year old daughter in common [REDACTED] who was born before they married. Mrs. Santiago stated she has been in an intimate relationship in an "on again, off again" manner with her co-worker, Mr. John Cruz (TPD Sergeant) since April 2018. Deputy Santiago advised she moved out of the residence she and Deputy Santiago shared as husband and wife in July 2019 and established a separate residence in

the same residential apartment complex. Mrs. Santiago advised Deputy Santiago learned of her affair with Sergeant Cruz around August 2019.

Mrs. Santiago stated that she filed for divorce around July 2019, and the divorce petition was "uncontested". When asked the current status of the dissolution of marriage, Mrs. Santiago advised she did not know what the status was, as she had given the signed divorce paperwork to Deputy Santiago for him to sign and submit. Since then, Mrs. Santiago said she has not received any final documentation that the divorce was completed. As far as child custody arrangements, Mrs. Santiago advised there is no court order, and she and her husband have a verbal agreement on the issue. According to Mrs. Santiago, the arrangement are whoever is off-duty cares for the child. Mrs. Santiago stated that due to their close residential proximity, all of the child exchanges happen at one of their apartments.

Around 12:40 p.m. on April 18, 2020, Deputy Santiago called to speak with his daughter [REDACTED] as he normally does on a daily basis, however [REDACTED] was still sleeping. Mrs. Santiago stated that she told Deputy Santiago that [REDACTED] was still sleeping because they were up late the previous night and she would have her call him after the child awoke.

At approximately 3:21 p.m., Mrs. Santiago had [REDACTED] call Deputy Santiago. Mrs. Santiago stated she monitored the telephone conversation. During the conversation, [REDACTED] told Deputy Santiago that she was up late playing games and told Deputy Santiago the names of the people present at the house the night before. Among the people she mentioned was Sergeant John Cruz. Mrs. Santiago could tell by [REDACTED] face that Deputy Santiago was silent after she mentioned John Cruz's name. [REDACTED] appeared upset, so Mrs. Santiago took the telephone to speak with Deputy Santiago. According to Mrs. Santiago, Deputy Santiago then questioned her about Cruz being present at the house the previous night. Mrs. Santiago stated she confirmed that Cruz was at the residence.

According to Mrs. Santiago, Deputy Santiago was upset that Cruz was at the apartment the previous night and began making statements to that effect. According to Mrs. Santiago, Deputy Santiago made statements such as "there are consequences for your actions" and "you did this". He also allegedly stated "tell him to watch his back" and "he's not safe around me, he better wear his vest at all times". Mrs. Santiago stated that Deputy Santiago is a very emotional and passionate person and he sometimes says things that are out of character when he is upset. Mrs. Santiago stated that when Deputy Santiago was making those statements, she was saying to him things like "I hope you are just upset, saying those things is not ok" and Deputy Santiago responded by saying that he knew what he was saying. Mrs. Santiago stated that she paraphrased Deputy Santiago at that time, reminding him that just as he said there are consequences for your actions and him saying that could result in consequences because those are very serious statements. Deputy Santiago allegedly responded that he was very aware of the consequences and could would live with them. At that time the conversation ended.

Mrs. Santiago stated that she sent text messages to Deputy Santiago via the “Whats App” cellular telephone messaging application as she stated she always does whenever Deputy Santiago says things that she believes are “crazy” for the purposes of documenting them. She recorded the following text messages:

3:29 p.m. *“What you said was so crazy and concerning”*

3:30 p.m. *“I don’t understand why you would even say that John needs to wear his vest at all times”*

3:31 p.m. *“Jafet I really hope you were just saying crazy shit and not serious”*

At 3:31 p.m., Deputy Santiago allegedly called her back and stated he will “do whatever I need to do to keep him (Sergeant John Cruz) away from my family, you thought you knew me, but you don’t, you’re going to learn who I am now”. Deputy Santiago then allegedly repeated that Mr. Cruz and his family were not safe and then he hung up. (That call lasted 19 seconds).

At that point, Mrs. Santiago stated she walked into another room in the residence and told Mr. Cruz that Deputy Santiago had just made the above detailed threats.

At 3:31 p.m. Mrs. Santiago stated she called Deputy Santiago back and he allegedly said “I’m getting my shotgun right now” and then hung up again. (This call lasted 4 seconds).

At 3:35 p.m. Jafet responded: “I can’t talk right now I’m holding a damn perimeter.”

At 3:39 p.m. there was a text message from Mrs. Santiago’s telephone that stated the following: “This is John, Frances just told me you said I am not safe around you, I need to wear my vest and my family is not safe. You said you were getting your shotgun. This is being reported to your agency and mine.”

Based on what had transpired, Mrs. Santiago stated she and Mr. Cruz were concerned about Mr. Cruz’s family (Wife and children), so Mrs. Santiago drove him to his residence. She advised that while driving to Mr. Cruz’s residence and family, Mr. Cruz contacted Lieutenant Tyler Wright of the Titusville Police Department and placed him on speakerphone. Mrs. Santiago then explained her interactions with Deputy Santiago.

Mrs. Santiago stated she then contacted the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office non-emergency telephone line and requested to speak with Deputy Santiago’s supervisor to file a complaint. A short time later, Sgt. Carl Sangeleer (ID# 630) contacted her by telephone and she discussed the situation with him. Sgt. Sangeleer provided her with a civilian complaint form, which she completed, but did not submit it prior to being contacted by BCSO investigator.

Mrs. Santiago wished to discuss a few historical events, the first of which she stated occurred on August 25, 2019. She stated at that time, she and Deputy Santiago were no longer living together but were still married. Mrs. Santiago explained that typically, if

Deputy Santiago was coming over he would call first, or he would knock before coming in to see the kids. She stated that Deputy Santiago knew the door digital pin code and could get in on his own. During one specific incident, Deputy Santiago did not call or knock and he used the pin code on the door to gain entry when she (Mrs. Santiago) was not aware he was coming over. According to Mrs. Santiago, Deputy Santiago told her he did not believe she was home and he was coming in to the apartment to get allergy medicine from on top of the refrigerator in the kitchen.

Mrs. Santiago advised that she was home at that time and Mr. Cruz was with her. Because she did not know Deputy Santiago was coming by, when she heard noises downstairs she was alarmed and went downstairs to see who was in her house. She observed Deputy Santiago in her kitchen and they briefly spoke. During that conversation, Deputy Santiago observed that Mrs. Santiago was crying. Mrs. Santiago stated she and Mr. Cruz had just had an argument and she was upset. Deputy Santiago asked if she was "ok" and asked if she was talking to somebody in the apartment. Mrs. Santiago answered that she was talking with Mr. Cruz and that he was in the apartment upstairs. Mrs. Santiago stated she could immediately see on Deputy Santiago's face that he was angry. Mrs. Santiago stated that it was around that time that Deputy Santiago had found out she was having an intimate relationship with Mr. Cruz. With that in mind, when she told Deputy Santiago that Mr. Cruz was in the apartment, she could immediately tell that he was angry and he began walking up the staircase. Mrs. Santiago advised she wanted Mr. Cruz to know that Deputy Santiago was walking upstairs, so she shouted out his name to alert him. At the same time, Mr. Cruz began walking down the staircase and they met at the staircase landing. According to Mrs. Santiago, Deputy Santiago was on the landing and she was behind him. Mr. Cruz was approximately 2-3 steps above Deputy Santiago and the two men were facing each other.

Mrs. Santiago described the situation as being very emotionally charged, and that both men were saying things to each other in the heat of the moment. She stated that Deputy Santiago was yelling at her and Mr. Cruz, and she stated she was letting him yell because she knew that he was emotionally hurt. She stated she believed Mr. Cruz was being apologetic towards Deputy Santiago for the relationship situation. According to Mrs. Santiago, Deputy Santiago made a statement to the effect of "you were nobody before me, I did everything for you". This statement made Mr. Cruz react and say something to Deputy Santiago. This put the two men facing each other again and they continued to argue. At that point in time, Mrs. Santiago stated she observed Deputy Santiago reach towards his right hip with his right hand, in a motion she associated with drawing a firearm from the waistband of a pair of pants. From her vantage point, she did not see Deputy Santiago's left hand because it was in front of him. She noticed that there was the grip of a firearm sticking out from underneath Deputy Santiago's t-shirt and she immediately believed that he was reaching for the firearm to pull it out. Although Deputy Santiago made no statement about pulling out the firearm, she believed that was his intention. Mrs. Santiago stated she knows that Deputy Santiago carries her personally owned [REDACTED] (subcompact 9mm) firearm [REDACTED] which is a holster she is familiar with because she uses the same one. Mrs. Santiago described



that Deputy Santiago grabbed the grip of the gun, right where the firearm was under his shirt and this immediately made her reach out and grab his arm to prevent him from producing the firearm.

According to Mrs. Santiago, her action of grabbing Deputy Santiago's arm must have made Mr. Cruz realize what was happening because Mr. Cruz then grabbed Deputy Santiago in a type of "bear hug" hold. Mrs. Santiago stated that she pulled the firearm and holster out of Deputy Santiago's pants and ran down the stairs with the firearm. Mrs. Santiago stated she hid the firearm in the kitchen cabinets behind groceries, and then she ran back up the stairs to where Deputy Santiago and Mr. Cruz were still standing. According to Mrs. Santiago, that concluded the physical aspect of the contact between Deputy Santiago, Mr. Cruz and herself. At that point in time, she advised she pulled out her cellular telephone and began recording the remainder of the interaction (Cellular telephone video is 3 minutes 23 seconds long).

The first audio captured in the video is Mr. Cruz stating "*just so you know, I felt pretty threatened, and that is why I jumped on you to prevent you from grabbing your gun*". At the same time, Deputy Santiago says "*are you done...are you done... in case you didn't notice, you probably didn't notice because you two are too wrapped up into each other... I've barely eaten the past few weeks and my pants are falling... every time I move my pants are falling... my gun is falling off me every time I get out of the damn car... every single time... but go ahead*". Mr. Cruz then says "*but Frances had to take it from you and that's why I jumped on you to prevent you from doing something stupid*". Deputy Santiago replied with "*ok... if that's what you believe*". Mr. Cruz replies with "*I'm willing to talk with you... I... I... I don't... I don't want you to ever grab your gun again*." The video continued as all three of them walk into the garage and then argue back and forth about whether Deputy Santiago or Mr. Cruz should leave first. (It should be noted that Deputy Santiago's attire is fully visible in the video. He is wearing blue jeans and a dark blue polo style shirt. [REDACTED])

[REDACTED] From the description provided by Mrs. Santiago, the cellular telephone case is on the outside of the waistband [REDACTED]

At the conclusion of the discussion regarding this particular incident, Mrs. Santiago said she did not report this incident to anyone at the Titusville Police Department or the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

Mrs. Santiago then discussed an incident that occurred on February 17, 2020. Mrs. Santiago advised she was with Mr. Cruz in her personal vehicle (Chevrolet Suburban) in the grass area along the road in front of Mr. Cruz's residence. She was seated in the driver's seat and Mr. Cruz was in the front passenger's seat and they were having a conversation. Mrs. Santiago recalled seeing a shadow walking up beside the vehicle and said out loud to Mr. Cruz "Is that Jafet". The person standing outside the vehicle then tried to pull open the back passenger's side door, however, it was locked. They then

moved forward to the front passenger's side door and again tried to open the door, but it was still locked. Mrs. Santiago recognized the person to be Deputy Santiago at that point unlocked the vehicle door. Deputy Santiago pulled the door open and made some statement that she could not recall. Deputy Santiago then leaned into the vehicle over Mr. Cruz's lap and pulled the keys from the ignition before she could stop him. She stated she tried to grab the keys before he could get them, but it was too late, her hand touched his hand and he had the keys already and was removing them from the ignition. Deputy Santiago then began walking away from the vehicle. Mrs. Santiago stated she exited the vehicle and walked after him to get her keys back. She advised she walked east after Deputy Santiago down Mr. Cruz's street until they reached Deputy Santiago's car, which was parked what she described as a long distance away from Mr. Cruz's address.

Mrs. Santiago advised she was pleading with Deputy Santiago to get the keys back saying "please just give me the keys back" and "what are you doing, why are you here" and Deputy Santiago continued to say "have John help you" and "have your man help you". Deputy Santiago then drove away, leaving her standing there.

Mrs. Santiago recalled seeing a Titusville Police Department vehicle driving by at the same time, as if it were coming from Mr. Cruz's house. She stated she walked back towards her vehicle and utilized her OnStar application through her cellular telephone to lock the doors, and then asked Mr. Cruz to give her a ride to her residence. Mr. Cruz then told her that a TPD Officer had responded to his house in reference to a "suspicious vehicle call". Mrs. Santiago stated that she and Mr. Cruz both speculated the person who called in a suspicious vehicle at Mr. Cruz's house was Deputy Santiago, but she was not certain (I made contact with Titusville Police Department regarding this incident and received the Computer Aided Dispatch comments and Non-Emergency Call recording for Case Number 2020-00011124, which occurred on February 17, 2020 at 2156 hours. The CAD Comments state the complainant was walking his dog and observed two young people engaging in romantic activity in a vehicle in front of the specified address, belonging to Mr. Cruz. The caller provided a partial license plate number and described the vehicle as a black SUV that had been parked at that location for approximately 30 minutes. I then reviewed the non-emergency call for service and immediately recognized the voice as that of Deputy Santiago).

Mrs. Santiago and Mr. Cruz later discussed that Mr. Cruz has exterior surveillance cameras on his residence, and that he viewed and saved the video related to the incident.

Mrs. Santiago stated that Deputy Santiago returned the keys to her the following morning. According to Mrs. Santiago, Deputy Santiago stated he took the keys because he was angry.

Mrs. Santiago stated she was not certain how Deputy Santiago knew she was at Mr. Cruz's residence that night. She stated she had initially believed that he must have followed her, however, the following day (February 18, 2020), she observed some oddities with her vehicle. In the early morning hours, she recalled hearing her vehicle

alarm going off while it was parked in her garage. By the time she got downstairs and to the garage, the alarm was no longer sounding. She later drove Mr. Cruz to his house and immediately upon putting her vehicle in park, the horn began sounding and the doors began unlocking. The moment she put the vehicle in reverse, everything stopped. Mrs. Santiago stated she recognized that those actions could be done using the OnStar cellphone application. Mrs. Santiago believes that Deputy Santiago downloaded the OnStar application and logged in using her email address and password, and was using the application to mess with her vehicle. Also in the application, he would be able to see where the vehicle was parked, and she believes that is how he actually knew she was at Mr. Cruz's residence.

Mrs. Santiago stated she contacted OnStar to determine if Deputy Santiago had contacted them and she was informed that no one had contacted them, however they were unable to advise her if the application was being used by another device. While on the telephone with OnStar, Mrs. Santiago stated she changed her log in information and since then she has had no similar occurrences with her vehicle.

Mrs. Santiago relayed that after Deputy Santiago found out about her intimate affair with Mr. Cruz, Deputy Santiago went to [REDACTED] (the wife of John Cruz) place of employment and asked her if she was aware of the relationship. Mrs. Santiago stated she found out about this interaction from Mr. Cruz after he discussed it with his wife, [REDACTED]. According to Mrs. Santiago, [REDACTED] was already aware of the intimate relationship when Deputy Santiago talked to her.

Mrs. Santiago advised that in late February or early March 2020, she had been out with Mr. Cruz the night before and when she returned home in the morning, she discovered damage to her apartment garage door. It appeared that someone had crashed a vehicle into the garage door because the door was dented in significantly. She was unable to open the garage door. She walked to her apartment's front door and immediately observed the door handle was missing from her apartment door. She stated that prior to his career in law enforcement, Deputy Santiago was a locksmith by trade. Based on conversations they had in the past about lock picking and door handles, she immediately recognized what had happened to her door handle and believed Deputy Santiago was responsible for the damage. Mrs. Santiago stated that she called Deputy Santiago and asked why he had damaged her property and asked where her door handle was, and Deputy Santiago allegedly responded with "ask your man to help you don't call me". Mrs. Santiago stated she was eventually able to move the locking mechanism enough to gain entry into the apartment.

Mrs. Santiago stated in order to have documentation of what happened, she sent him messages on the "Whats App" cellphone application again with statements of "This is ridiculous, why are you doing this to me, I feel trapped" and "why did you damage my garage door and my door knob," however Deputy Santiago never responded to her messages.

The following morning, Deputy Santiago called her because their daughter had cheer practice and had forgot her shoes, and they were coming to her door to pick them up. She stated she stepped outside to meet them with her shoes, and her door closed behind her. She realized she was locked out of her apartment again and Deputy Santiago was leaving. She stated that she asked Deputy Santiago to help her get back into her apartment and she asked him to give her back her door handle. According to Mrs. Santiago, Deputy Santiago told her he did not know where her door handle was located.

As he was walking away, she was walking behind him and she tried to grab the keys off of his belt, which he carries on a clip on his belt. As she grabbed the keys, Deputy Santiago grabbed her hand and squeezed it. Mrs. Santiago stated that the pressure was intense enough that she believed he may break her hand. She stated that she told him "you're hurting me" and she intentionally bit him on his chest. She stated he then twisted her hand and pushed her away. Mrs. Santiago stated that this action made her daughter cry, who witnessed what had happened. Mrs. Santiago said she pleaded with Deputy Santiago to stop behaving that way as he pushed their daughter into his vehicle and closed the door. Mrs. Santiago said she again pleaded with Deputy Santiago not to leave with their daughter crying like that and asked that he open the door so she could talk to her and let her know that she was ok. She stated Deputy Santiago got into the driver's seat and drove away as she was banging on the window for him to stop.

Shortly after leaving, Deputy Santiago called her and she was able to speak to her daughter and let her know that she was ok. During that conversation, Deputy Santiago allegedly stated that she was the aggressor in the situation and that she had committed a battery.

Mrs. Santiago stated she told Deputy Santiago that he had 30 days to fix the damage to the doors, or before complex management discovered it. According to Mrs. Santiago, only a few days later the complex management noticed the damage and inquired about it with her. She stated that she told the complex management that Deputy Santiago was responsible for the damage and that they should inquire with him for payment on the damage. Despite her request, Mrs. Santiago stated that the complex management informed her that due to her name being the sole name on the lease, she would be responsible for paying for the damage.

Mrs. Santiago stated that she contacted Deputy Santiago about the damage and told him he needed to pay for it, and he allegedly replied that it sounded like a "civil issue" and that no one had any proof that it happened. Mrs. Santiago stated she sent Deputy Santiago the screen shots of her text message conversation with the complex management and although Deputy Santiago never agreed to pay for the damage via text message, Mrs. Santiago stated he did agree to pay in person. Mrs. Santiago stated that Deputy Santiago allegedly apologized for causing the damage to her garage door and front door, stating that he had been upset. He also allegedly said it was "stupid of him" to do that and that he would pay for the damage. Mrs. Santiago informed him that the damage repair estimate was approximately \$1200.00. Mrs. Santiago stated she was not certain if Deputy

Santiago had actually paid the management company for the damage because the office has been closed since the onset of the COVID-19 virus. Mrs. Santiago stated she also purchased a replacement door handle and told Deputy Santiago the price from the receipt for him to reimburse her.

Mrs. Santiago added that shortly after this incident, Deputy Santiago allegedly told her that she needed to quit her job with Titusville Police Department and return to being a stay at home mother because her "independence" with work had caused her to have a romantic relationship with her coworker. Deputy Santiago allegedly stated he was going to report her activity to TPD. Mrs. Santiago stated she replied that her employer was already aware of her relationship with Sergeant Cruz and that he (Deputy Santiago) was not going to control who she chose to have relationships with since they were no longer together.

Mrs. Santiago confirmed that she did not report any of these incidents to Titusville Police Department or the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

Aside from the telephone call on April 18, 2020, where Deputy Santiago was allegedly at work and on-duty at the time of the telephone call, Mrs. Santiago stated none of the other incidents have occurred while Deputy Santiago was on-duty, while in uniform, or while operating a BCSO patrol vehicle.

**John Cruz**  
**Titusville Police Department-Sergeant**

On Saturday, April 18, 2020, Agent Kyle Williams and I made contact with Sergeant John Cruz at the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, North Precinct, to conduct a sworn, audio-recorded witness interview, and he provided the following summarized statement in essence:

Mr. Cruz stated he has been in an on-going "on again, off again" romantic relationship with Mrs. Santiago since April 2018.

Mr. Cruz stated that on today's date (April 18, 2020), he was at Mrs. Santiago's apartment during which time she spoke to Deputy Santiago on the telephone. He stated he was not in the room when the telephone call occurred so everything he was relaying was second hand as provided by Mrs. Santiago. Mr. Cruz stated Mrs. Santiago told him that Deputy Santiago had been on the telephone to speak with their daughter and during that call he found out that he (Mr. Cruz) had been at the apartment the previous night. That apparently upset Deputy Santiago and he began making threats. She alleged that Deputy Santiago stated he and his family (Mr. Cruz's family) was not safe and that he (Mr. Cruz) should wear his bullet proof vest at all times. Deputy Santiago made a further statement to the effect that he was grabbing his shotgun before disconnecting the telephone call. Based on the alleged threats, he and Mrs. Santiago contacted Lieutenant

Tyler Wright from Titusville Police Department and relayed the above information during a telephone call.

Mr. Cruz stated he also took the opportunity to discuss two other incidents with Lieutenant Wright that involved Deputy Santiago. The first incident occurred in August 2019 at Mrs. Santiago's apartment. Mr. Cruz stated he and Mrs. Santiago were together upstairs in her apartment, and Deputy Santiago came into the apartment. Mrs. Santiago went downstairs to talk to him, and at one point, Mr. Cruz heard Mrs. Santiago say "no Jafet" which lead him to believe that Deputy Santiago was aware he (Mr. Cruz) was at the apartment. Mr. Cruz stated he was peering over the ledge from the upstairs area and saw that Deputy Santiago was beginning to climb the stairs, so he began to go down the stairs himself and they met face to face at the landing of the staircase. Mr. Cruz described that he was standing a few steps above Deputy Santiago on the staircase and Deputy Santiago was on the staircase landing with Mrs. Santiago behind him. Mr. Cruz described Deputy Santiago as having a "mad" look on his face and they were standing facing each other.

According to Mr. Cruz, Deputy Santiago made a hand motion towards [REDACTED] and grabbed something in his waistband. Mr. Cruz stated he never observed the firearm. Mr. Cruz did not recall Deputy Santiago making any motion with [REDACTED] in a manner consistent with lifting his shift to clear for the firearm. At that point in time, Mrs. Santiago reached out and grabbed Deputy Santiago's [REDACTED]. Mr. Cruz stated this action registered with him and he immediately recognized that Deputy Santiago was potentially attempting to draw a firearm, and Mrs. Santiago was preventing that from happening. Mr. Cruz then grabbed Deputy Santiago in a "bear hug" type of grab. Immediately, Deputy Santiago pushed back and while he was doing this, Mrs. Santiago pulled the gun and holster out of Deputy Santiago's waistband and ran downstairs. Mr. Cruz was not able to recall the specifics about what was said between them prior to this situation escalating to the point where they believed Deputy Santiago was going to draw a firearm.

Mr. Cruz said he was certain that if Deputy Santiago had been successful in drawing his firearm, he would have used it to shoot him (Mr. Cruz).

Following the disarming of Deputy Santiago, Mrs. Santiago began recording the situation with her cellular telephone, as well as Deputy Santiago recording the situation with his cellular telephone. Mr. Cruz provided the video that had been recorded by Mrs. Santiago's telephone and stated the conversation captured on the video was immediately after Mrs. Santiago returned from hiding the firearm. In the video, Deputy Santiago provided an explanation that his pants were falling and he was reaching to pull them up. Mr. Cruz stated that based on his observations from the incident, he did not believe that Deputy Santiago's actions were consistent with pulling his pants up. He believes his actions were consistent with an attempt to draw a firearm from his waistband.

Mr. Cruz stated he was armed with a firearm himself during this incident, however, he never reached for it. Mr. Cruz advised he was not sure if Deputy Santiago was even aware that he had a firearm on him as well because he never mentioned it.

At the end of the situation, Mr. Cruz stated he left the apartment, leaving Mrs. Santiago alone at the apartment with Deputy Santiago. Mr. Cruz sent a video from his cellular telephone to my Brevard County Sheriff's Office agency issued telephone using the "airdrop" feature. The video is cellular telephone video captured by Mrs. Santiago of the incident, which begins immediately following Mrs. Santiago's return from allegedly hiding the firearm.

Mr. Cruz stated he never reported this incident to Titusville Police Department or to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Cruz then discussed an incident that occurred at his residence on the evening of February 17, 2020. Mr. Cruz explained that Mrs. Santiago came to his residence in her personal vehicle (Chevrolet Suburban) and parked in front of his residence on the small strip of grass near the street. Mr. Cruz was seated in the front passenger's seat and Mrs. Santiago was seated behind the wheel. Mr. Cruz advised they were having a conversation in the vehicle for anywhere between thirty (30) minutes and an hour when suddenly Deputy Santiago appeared at the rear of the vehicle. He walked up behind the vehicle and attempted to pull open the back passenger's side door. Deputy Santiago realized the door was locked and he then tried to pull open the front passenger's side door where Mr. Cruz was sitting, however, this door was also locked. By that point in time, Mrs. Santiago realized it was Deputy Santiago and she unlocked the door. When she unlocked the door, Deputy Santiago pulled the door open and made a few statements, however, he could not recall specifically what was said. According to Mr. Cruz, during his brief observation of Deputy Santiago, it appeared that Deputy Santiago was holding his cellular telephone up in such a way that he could be using the telephone's camera to record a video. Without warning, Deputy Santiago then leaned in across him (Mr. Cruz) and pulled the keys from the vehicle's ignition. Although Deputy Santiago leaned across his body to remove the keys, Mr. Cruz stated they had no physical contact and there was no physical altercation during this brief encounter. According to Mr. Cruz, Deputy Santiago then took a few steps in the same direction he had come from with the keys in his possession, and then came back to the passenger's side door and made a few more statements. Again, Mr. Cruz was unable to recall specifically what Deputy Santiago had stated. Deputy Santiago then turned and walked away again. Mrs. Santiago then walked down the street after him, leaving him (Mr. Cruz) alone with the vehicle.

*I made contact with Titusville Police Department regarding this incident and received the Computer Aided Dispatch comments and Non-Emergency Call recording for Case Number 2020-00011124, which occurred on February 17, 2020 at 2156 hours. The CAD Comments state the complainant was walking his dog and observed two young people engaging in romantic activity in a vehicle in front of the specified address, belonging to Mr. Cruz. The caller provided a partial license plate number and described the vehicle*

*as a black SUV that had been parked at that location for approximately 30 minutes. I then reviewed the non-emergency call for service and immediately recognized the voice as that of Deputy Santiago.*

Mr. Cruz stated he didn't see Deputy Santiago again that night, however, Mrs. Santiago returned a little while later and asked if he could drive her home as she no longer had the keys to her vehicle.

Mr. Cruz stated he did not know how Deputy Santiago knew where he lived. To the best of his knowledge, Deputy Santiago had never been by his house. According to Mr. Cruz, Mrs. Santiago suspected that Deputy Santiago had accessed her vehicle's OnStar account and tracked her vehicle in that manner.

Mr. Cruz advised he has a home surveillance system with exterior cameras that captured this encounter. He provided a flash drive with the video so that a copy could be made. *I viewed the video provided by Mr. Cruz at a later time and observed the situation occurred as described by Mr. Cruz.*

Mr. Cruz stated that Deputy Santiago had contacted his wife [REDACTED] sometime last year by going to her place of employment and talking to her about his ongoing relationship with Mrs. Santiago. Mr. Cruz stated his wife owns a [REDACTED] and Deputy Santiago's daughter had dance lessons there before so he knew where she worked. According to Mr. Cruz, that conversation was cordial.

Mr. Cruz described another incident where he had an "encounter" with Deputy Santiago. He stated sometime last year (he was unable to narrow down when exactly this occurred) he went to Mrs. Santiago's apartment to pick her up. As they were pulling out of the apartment complex, he observed Deputy Santiago pulling into the complex. As they left, Deputy Santiago allegedly turned around and began following them. He followed them for several miles, during which time Deputy Santiago allegedly called Mrs. Santiago and made a statement to the effect of "I don't want to ruin your evening..." Mr. Cruz stated he then said out loud "quit following us". Mr. Cruz believed that Mrs. Santiago then echoed his statement to Deputy Santiago that he should stop following them. Eventually after a few minutes, Deputy Santiago stopped following them.

Mr. Cruz discussed one final encounter he had with Deputy Santiago, at another unspecified time. Mr. Cruz stated he was running at [REDACTED] in Titusville when Deputy Santiago drove by in his marked patrol vehicle. Deputy Santiago made a u-turn and came back to his location and stopped to talk to him. He stated they had a brief discussion about the children and the conversation ultimately ended after Mr. Cruz stated that his personal relationship with Mrs. Santiago was none of his business.



**Tyler Wright**  
**Titusville Police Department-Lieutenant**

On Saturday, April 18, 2020, Agent Kyle Williams and I met with Lieutenant Tyler Wright at the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, North Precinct, to conduct a sworn, audio-recorded, witness interview, and he provided the following summarized statement in essence:

On April 18, 2020, he received a telephone call from Mr. Cruz who was present with Mrs. Santiago and they both talked to him on speakerphone. During the phone conversation that followed, Mrs. Santiago explained that Deputy Santiago had spoken to her on the telephone and had made threats against Mr. Cruz's personal safety and the safety of his family. Mrs. Santiago relayed to him that during her telephone call with Deputy Santiago, he specifically made a threat to the effect of Mr. Cruz needing to wear a bullet proof vest at all times because he was not safe and that he (Deputy Santiago) did not like him (Mr. Cruz) around his family and he would not rest until Mr. Cruz was away. At some point during the conversation Deputy Santiago also allegedly made a comment about grabbing his shotgun.

According to Mrs. Santiago, Deputy Santiago made some reference via text message to being on a perimeter at a call for service at the time he referenced grabbing his shotgun on the telephone.

Additionally, based on the comments Deputy Santiago had allegedly made, this situation was now very serious from Mrs. Santiago and Mr. Cruz's perspective and they were actually going to Mr. Cruz's house to make sure his family was safe.

Lieutenant Wright stated that Mr. Cruz and Mrs. Santiago had chosen to keep their "personal" business personal and had not reported anything to him about what was happening outside of work (intimate relationship between married coworkers). Due to the nature of the alleged comments Deputy Santiago made during the telephone call however, they decided they needed to report the incident.

To the best of his knowledge, Deputy Santiago has not interfered with Mrs. Santiago or Mr. Cruz while they are working.

While still on the same original telephone call, Lieutenant Wright stated that Mr. Cruz then referenced a previous incident that occurred in August 2019 at Mrs. Santiago's apartment. Mr. Cruz told him that during that incident, Deputy Santiago made an "overt movement" towards his side as if to draw a firearm and actually saw him grab the handle of something under his shirt and they were forced to grab him. Lieutenant Wright stated this incident was never reported to Titusville Police Department by Mr. Cruz or Mrs. Santiago.

Lieutenant Wright was also told by Mr. Cruz during this telephone call that in February 2020, he had a suspicious vehicle called at his house. Mr. Cruz stated the vehicle at his house that day belonged to Mrs. Santiago. He stated that he and Mrs. Santiago were sitting in her vehicle when Deputy Santiago showed up and took the keys out of the ignition and left the area. Lieutenant Wright stated that according to Mr. Cruz, he had surveillance video from his residence that corroborated his account of the incident. According to Mrs. Santiago, she believed Deputy Santiago knew how to find her using her vehicle's OnStar account which could track her location.

Lieutenant Wright stated he had been aware that a suspicious vehicle had been called to Mr. Cruz's residence before, however, he was not aware of Deputy Santiago's involvement in the situation. In that respect, this incident was not actually reported to the Titusville Police Department or to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office by Mr. Cruz or Mrs. Santiago.

**Dale Wineinger**  
**Witness**

On Monday, May 4, 2020, I responded to the apartment of Mr. Dale Wineinger to conduct a sworn, audio-recorded, witness interview with him and he provided the following summarized statement in essence:

Mr. Wineinger stated he was home in his apartment on Sunday, April 19, 2020, when he heard loud yelling and screaming and banging in the exterior hallway of the apartment building. Mr. Wineinger thought someone was in distress so he exited his apartment door and observed a female trying to forcefully enter the apartment of the Deputy (Deputy Santiago) who is his neighbor. Mr. Wineinger initially thought the female he observed was Mrs. Santiago, however, he later found out it was actually her sister. Mr. Wineinger stated the female was pushing the door, screaming and someone on the inside of the apartment was apparently trying to keep her out because the door was partially opened, but she was unable to push it open enough to get inside.

Mr. Wineinger stated he initially tried to activate the cellphone recorder on his telephone to video record the incident, however, he was not very familiar with how to accomplish that and his attempt failed. Mr. Wineinger stated he "agitated" the female that was attempting to push her way in to the apartment. He said [REDACTED] called 911 to request help from law enforcement.

Titusville Police Department arrived on scene and Mr. Wineinger provided a statement to the responding officers about what he had observed. Mr. Wineinger stated that while TPD was present, he observed Deputy Santiago's wife emerge from the apartment with her daughter, who he recognized from seeing her at the apartment before.

Mr. Wineinger stated that he has trouble hearing and wears hearing aids. During this incident, due to the continuous screaming and banging, coupled with his trouble hearing,

he was unable to clearly hear or understand what anyone was saying on either side of the apartment door. He also did not observe if anyone involved in the situation was armed with a weapon. Mr. Wineinger was also unable to provide any insight as to what led up to the incident he witnessed at Deputy Santiago's door.

Mr. Wineinger advised he was aware of another incident that occurred between Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago. He believed it occurred on February 16, 2020, sometime around 1330-1430 hours. Mr. Wineinger stated he was laying on his couch with his back to his sliding glass door, which faces the parking lot. He heard what sounded like an argument in the parking lot. He initially ignored it, however, it continued and sounded like it was escalating. He sat up and observed Deputy Santiago's personal vehicle parked directly in front of his sliding glass doors. Standing next to the vehicle was Deputy Santiago face to face with Mrs. Santiago, who appeared to be wearing "pajamas". According to Mr. Wineinger, almost immediately Mrs. Santiago lunged forward 1 to 2 steps and grabbed Deputy Santiago around his shoulders in which he assumed was an attempt to take him down to the ground. It appeared to Mr. Wineinger that Deputy Santiago was able to push Mrs. Santiago off of him with ease and he entered his vehicle and apparently locked the door. Mr. Wineinger assumed Deputy Santiago locked the door because Mrs. Santiago began forcefully banging on the driver's side window while shouting "unlock the door" over and over again. Mr. Wineinger stated Deputy Santiago drove out of the parking lot, leaving Mrs. Santiago standing there. Mr. Wineinger stated he never saw either of them display a weapon so he was not certain if either had been armed during the incident. He also added that he never saw anyone else outside with them.

He observed Mrs. Santiago walk over towards her apartment and she sat down on the patio area with her telephone in her hand. It appeared to him that she could not get in her apartment because she sat there for quite a while before a different neighbor helped her get into her apartment. He assumed she must have locked herself out.

Mr. Wineinger stated he later told Deputy Santiago that he had witnessed the incident.

Mr. Wineinger stated he had noticed that Mrs. Santiago's garage door had been damaged, however, he did not see what had caused the damage.

**Thomas Mosebach**  
**Brevard County Sheriff's Office**

On Thursday, April 23, 2020, I met with Lieutenant Thomas Mosebach to conduct a sworn, audio-recorded witness interview with him, and he provided the following summarized statement in essence:

Lieutenant Mosebach recalled that around August-September 2019, he spoke to Lieutenant Joanna Seigel on the telephone. Lieutenant Seigel relayed that Commander Jeff King from Titusville Police Department was "looking into" an incident that occurred

between Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago and he was requesting to speak with Deputy Santiago's supervisor. Lieutenant Seigel then put Commander King in touch with Lieutenant Mosebach so they could discuss what was occurring.

Lieutenant Mosebach vaguely recalled the details of the incident discussed with Commander King. From his recollection, the situation involved Mrs. Santiago alleging that Deputy Santiago had potentially damaged her vehicle in some manner and that he had taken a personally owned AR-15 from her. From what Lieutenant Mosebach recalled, Commander King was just making Deputy Santiago's supervisor aware of what had occurred. Lieutenant Mosebach interpreted the information as a courtesy that TPD was notifying him of a civil domestic issue that had occurred between Deputy Santiago and his wife.

Lieutenant Mosebach stated he had recently noticed that Deputy Santiago was not appearing as "happy-go-lucky" as he usually appeared at work and he had discussed that with Deputy Santiago's immediate supervisor, Sergeant Sangeleer. Lieutenant Mosebach stated that after receiving the telephone call from Commander King, Deputy Santiago's change in demeanor made more sense.

Lieutenant Mosebach stated he specifically remembered going to a call for service with Deputy Santiago for the purpose of having a conversation with him about the situation. Lieutenant Mosebach recalled that during the conversation that followed, Deputy Santiago emotionally confided in him that he had caught his wife, Mrs. Santiago, having an affair with a supervisor at Titusville Police Department a few days prior. He also believed that TPD had initiated an internal investigation into Mrs. Santiago and her relationship with the supervisor.

Deputy Santiago stated during that conversation that he had "done something kind of stupid". When questioned by Lieutenant Mosebach of what he had done, Deputy Santiago stated he had let the air out of his wife's vehicle's tires because he was angry. He also stated he took a pink AR-15 rifle from her that he had purchased for her.

Lieutenant Mosebach stated he counseled Deputy Santiago that those types of actions were not appropriate and Deputy Santiago replied that he knew and that he had already refilled the air in the vehicle tires. Deputy Santiago stated that all he had done was let the air out of the tires through the valve stem, he had not damaged the tire. Deputy Santiago added that he intended on returning the AR-15 rifle to Mrs. Santiago on his next day off. Lieutenant Mosebach recalled specifically asking Deputy Santiago if he had damaged any property, damaged any other property, or damaged any property belonging to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Santiago replying "no, it was all personal property and I didn't damage anything".

Lieutenant Mosebach recalled asking Deputy Santiago where he was currently residing and Deputy Santiago telling him that he was residing in Osceola County with family for a few days. Deputy Santiago further added that his plan was to go back to the apartment

complex he had been in with Mrs. Santiago and getting a separate apartment. This would allow him to remain close for his child and Mrs. Santiago's other children, whom he had a close relationship with. Lieutenant Mosebach stated he suggested that Deputy Santiago remain with his family in Osceola County for the time being. He also asked that after Deputy Santiago and his wife had a serious "sit down" conversation about what direction they planned to go (i.e. separation, divorce, working it out) that he come back and let him know.

Lieutenant Mosebach stated that was the end of that particular conversation. He added that he had several follow-up conversations with Deputy Santiago following that in the weeks after. During those conversations, he would ask if Deputy Santiago was doing alright and if he needed anything. In each instance, Deputy Santiago would say he was doing fine and did not need anything. He updated Lieutenant Mosebach that he had another apartment in the same complex as his wife and that they were "talking civilly" about what they would do. Lieutenant Mosebach stated Deputy Santiago never brought any other situations to his attention.

Lieutenant Mosebach stated he last recalled seeing Deputy Santiago just before Christmas 2019, prior to his (Lieutenant Mosebach) transferring to the midnight shift and had no further contact or interaction with Deputy Santiago relative to the developing concern.

#### **IV. Subject Interview:**

##### **Jafet Santiago Deputy Sheriff-Field Training Officer Subject Interview**

On Monday, May 11, 2020, I met with Deputy Jafet Santiago at the Staff Services Office to conduct a sworn, audio-recorded subject interview. Deputy Santiago reviewed the documents, audio-recorded interview files, and video files to his satisfaction prior to initiating the interview. Prior to asking Deputy Santiago any questions, he was read and acknowledged that he understood his Administrative Investigation Warnings by signing the document. During this interview, Deputy Santiago was represented by Coastal Florida PBA Representative Al Boettjer. The following is a summary of the interview:

Deputy Santiago stated he is currently living in Kissimmee Florida, which is a new residence he acquired after the incident on April 19, 2020, involving the domestic disturbance with his wife. Prior to that, he lived in an apartment in the building next to Mrs. Santiago's in the [REDACTED]. He stated he moved into that apartment on August 31, 2019 with Mrs. Santiago's help. Prior to the weekend of August 31, 2019, Deputy Santiago lived in the same town home residential apartment as Mrs. Santiago, where they lived as a family. He added that the week prior to August 31, 2019, he stayed with his father for 3 days and his mother for 2 days after finding out his wife was having an affair with a coworker at TPD, Mr. John Cruz. During that five day

period, his belongings were still in their apartment. It was not until the weekend of August 31, 2019, that he began the process of moving into a different apartment.

Deputy Santiago stated that he and Mrs. Santiago had been experiencing marital issues and that they had mutually decided that they were going to divorce. They told the children together a week before school started in August 2019 that they planned on divorcing and that he would be moving out. According to Deputy Santiago, they both believed there was a possibility that they could reconcile their relationship; however, that he had already attempted to move out of the apartment in late July 2019, but was not able to secure the new apartment lease. According to Deputy Santiago, Mrs. Santiago told him she wanted him to stay closer, not only for the kids, but because she ultimately wanted to “work things out”. She suggested that he speak with the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about an apartment in the same complex, especially since at the time they were both [REDACTED]. Deputy Santiago stated he spoke to the complex manager who said there would be an apartment, but it would not be available for a few weeks. He stated he put a deposit down for that apartment and remained in the same home with Mrs. Santiago in the meantime.

Deputy Santiago advised his current marital status with Mrs. Santiago as married, but separated. Deputy Santiago stated Mrs. Santiago initiated the divorce proceeding September 26, 2019, and then submitted a voluntary dismissal on February 5, 2020. According to Deputy Santiago, Mrs. Santiago submitted the voluntary dismissal citing that she was determined to work on their marriage and that if he wanted a divorce, he would have to file the paperwork again himself. Deputy Santiago stated that at that point in time, he was not interested in continuing the relationship efforts, however, he did not have the financial resources to file for divorce on his own. Since the domestic incident on April 19, 2020, Mrs. Santiago has again filed for divorce, which she did on April 28, 2020. Deputy Santiago stated he has acquired a divorce attorney, Jennifer Mostert, and they have filed a counter petition for divorce against Mrs. Santiago on May 1, 2020.

I then began questioning Deputy Santiago on the historical incidents, beginning with the incident involving the tire pressure release and missing AR-15. Deputy Santiago stated the following:

Deputy Santiago explained that he was going to be taking a two week training class out of town to get his boat captain’s license. Approximately a week prior to the class (August 10, 2019), he was in possession of Mrs. Santiago’s cellular telephone and he saw pictures of her with a TPD detective named Ezekial DeVoss. He took a snapshot of the picture and sent it to himself. He began to suspect that Mrs. Santiago may be having a romantic relationship with Mr. DeVoss, but he did not confront her about it.

The following day, August 11, 2019, Mrs. Santiago told him she was going out on a boat with a friend. He stated he did not question her, but felt she was being deceptive and suspected she was with Mr. DeVoss. According to Deputy Santiago, he later found out there was a homicide that day that she was called in to investigate, however, she allegedly

notified TPD she was in Kissimmee picking up [REDACTED] and was unable to respond to that call. She then called Deputy Santiago and told him he needed to pick up [REDACTED] from his mother's because she was responding to a homicide investigation. According to Deputy Santiago, Mr. DeVoss reported to his supervisor that he was on a boat, did not have good reception, but that he would be responding.

Deputy Santiago left for his two week training class, and while at the class on August 17, 2019, he spoke to his oldest step-daughter on the telephone and she told him that Mrs. Santiago had gone for the weekend to stay at a hotel with a friend. He stated Mrs. Santiago had not told him she was going to be going anywhere. Deputy Santiago stated there was a wedding that weekend that both he and Mrs. Santiago had agreed to attend together, however, with the boat captain's class happening they decided not to attend.

When Deputy Santiago found out from his step-daughter that Mrs. Santiago was gone, he immediately left his class and returned home. When he got home, he found that Mrs. Santiago was indeed gone and her "go bag" was missing from their bedroom. He discovered her personal car (Kia Forte) parked in the parking lot.

Deputy Santiago stated he contacted Mr. DeVoss' wife and asked where he was and she told him that Mr. DeVoss was out of town. This furthered his suspicion that Mrs. Santiago may be Mr. DeVoss. He stated he told [REDACTED] that he suspected her husband may be with Mrs. Santiago, and he shared the photo with her that he found on Mrs. Santiago's telephone.

He stated he contacted Mrs. Santiago numerous times about where she was and who she was with, and each time she was avoiding the issue and told him that she was going to attend the wedding after all.

Deputy Santiago stated he decided to pack up all five children and take them to his family's house in Osceola County. He also decided that he should take all of the personally owned firearms in the apartment, which included a pink/purple AR-15 rifle. Deputy Santiago stated this AR-15 rifle was special in nature because it was initially issued to his wife through Titusville Police Department's firearm supplier. Eventually they had the opportunity to purchase the firearm for \$400.00 from the supplier in June 2019 and it became a personally owned firearm. He stated he provided the money for the rifle by selling one of his own handguns.

Deputy Santiago drove the family vehicle, which is a Chevrolet Suburban SUV, which was also left at the residence, to take the children over to the house. Deputy Santiago stated he confronted his wife over the telephone about her having an affair with Mr. DeVoss and showed her the images of her with him that he had sent to himself from her telephone. According to Deputy Santiago, she eventually confirmed that she was having an affair with her co-worker Mr. DeVoss.

On August 18, 2019, out of anger, he stated he intentionally let the air out of one of the tires of Mrs. Santiago's Kia Forte using the stem, but he did not damage the tire or the vehicle in any way. When asked why he let the air out of the tire, Deputy Santiago said "my thought was... if she wanted to leave it there, it could stay there". When asked what he meant by that, he stated he knew she was not very handy and that she likely would not put air back in the tire herself.

Mrs. Santiago later agreed to come back home. Deputy Santiago stated she showed up at his family's house in his (Deputy Santiago's) vehicle and stated she wanted to take the kids back home and wanted her car back. Deputy Santiago stated he was out with [REDACTED] at the time she showed up and he told her she could use the same car (his) that she showed up in to take the kids back, however, [REDACTED] was with him for the time being.

Deputy Santiago stated that Mrs. DeVoss, being upset about her husband's affair with Mrs. Santiago, contacted someone at TPD and expressed her concern about the judgement of Mrs. Santiago and Mr. DeVoss and how she believed their impaired judgement could affect their jobs as they worked closely together every day. According to Deputy Santiago, the insinuation was that they could possibly be carrying on their affair while at work as they can go places together in the performance of their duties. Deputy Santiago believed that action prompted Mrs. Santiago and Mr. DeVoss to get "called into the office" at TPD. According to Deputy Santiago, Mrs. Santiago told him that she relayed to her supervisor that nothing had happened at work, and that she had a brief affair with Mr. DeVoss that lasted approximately a week. She also told them that Deputy Santiago was "acting crazy" and that he had let the air out of her vehicle's tires and taken her AR-15 rifle. Deputy Santiago believed that situation sparked a situation at TPD that allegedly caused Mr. DeVoss to be demoted from detective back to a patrol function. Deputy Santiago stated that for some unknown reason, even though she had been untruthful, Mrs. Santiago retained her position as a detective.

Deputy Santiago stated TPD never spoke to him about this alleged situation, however Commander King contacted Lieutenant Mosebach. That prompted Lieutenant Mosebach to pull Deputy Santiago aside and have a discussion with him about what had happened. Deputy Santiago advised he had already re-filled the air in the vehicle's tires prior to this conversation with Lieutenant Mosebach and returned the AR-15 after his conversation with Lieutenant Mosebach.

According to Deputy Santiago, TPD has been aware of Mrs. Santiago's affair with Sergeant Cruz since April 2018, however, he was not aware of it until August 25, 2019, when he walked into the apartment and found them together. As he stated before, Deputy Santiago advised he stayed three days with his father and two days with his mother after finding out about his wife's relationship with Mr. DeVoss. While absent from their mutual apartment for those five days, he returned with [REDACTED] to take her to church that Sunday (August 25) in Titusville. [REDACTED] required allergy medication from the apartment so they stopped to get it. Deputy Santiago stated he had no idea Mrs. Santiago



was home, nor that she was with someone else when he arrived. He came in through the front door to grab the medication off the refrigerator while [REDACTED] remained in the car. Deputy Santiago stated he had not called Mrs. Santiago to let her know he was coming by because he did not feel any need to let her know he was returning to his own apartment. He used his door code to enter the apartment and walked inside to the second floor of the town home, where the kitchen is located. Mrs. Santiago came down the stairs and began asking questions like “what are you doing here...why are you here now...I thought you were going to church”, to which Deputy Santiago replied that he was taking [REDACTED] to church, but needed to stop to pick up her allergy medication. Deputy Santiago noticed that Mrs. Santiago appeared to have been crying, so he asked her why she had been crying. Mrs. Santiago then confessed that she had someone in the house and Deputy Santiago said he immediately asked “who” and “why?” She then said she had a friend over and they were upstairs in the bedroom. Deputy Santiago said he questioned why she would she have someone in their bedroom. Mrs. Santiago then confessed that it was Mr. Cruz. Deputy Santiago stated he knows Mr. Cruz personally and that prior to that incident, he had considered him and his wife mutual friends of theirs. He stated he has had lunch with Mr. Cruz and [REDACTED] even attended [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Deputy Santiago stated he began to go up the stairs as Mrs. Santiago asked him not to. As he was going up the stairs, he observed Mr. Cruz walking down the stairs and they came face to face on the staircase. Deputy Santiago stated he was armed, as he always is, with a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Deputy Santiago stated [REDACTED] and he had given it to his wife to use for “undercover” work in her detective position, all of which occurred while they were married, but he still carried that [REDACTED] regularly.

As he stood face to face with Mr. Cruz, he asked him why he was at his apartment and told him there was no reason for him to be in his bedroom. Mr. Cruz appeared confused and said “what do you mean your bedroom” and Deputy Santiago explained to him that it was his apartment and that he still lived there. Mr. Cruz then said he had some bad news for him and confessed that he and Mrs. Santiago had been having an affair for the past year and a half (since April 2018). Deputy Santiago stated that was the first time he learned of the affair with Mr. Cruz.

Deputy Santiago stated he yelled at Mr. Cruz to get out of his house, however, Mr. Cruz refused to leave. Deputy Santiago admitted that he said “if you don’t get out I’m going to make you get out” and Mr. Cruz said “I don’t have to get out, it’s not your house”. Deputy Santiago stated his response was “the hell it is, get out, you are trespassing now I’ve told you to get out, you have no authority to be here” as he was reaching to pull his sagging pants up in preparation of going “hands on” with Mr. Cruz. Deputy Santiago described that he was grabbing his belt at the 4-5 o’clock position with his right hand to pull his pants up at the same time he was grabbing the belt at the front with his left hand to pull his pants up. At that moment Mr. Cruz grabbed him in a “bear hug” type of grab

and pinned him against the wall as Mrs. Santiago grabbed his right arm. Meanwhile, Deputy Santiago stated he was yelling at Mr. Cruz to get off of him and he was yelling at Mrs. Santiago saying "what are you doing". Mrs. Santiago pulled the [REDACTED] and the holster from his waistband and ran downstairs with both of them. Deputy Santiago stated he continued to yell at Mr. Cruz, telling him to get off of him and telling him to get out of his house.

Deputy Santiago stated he never once threatened Mr. Cruz with his firearm or mentioned that he was armed during the incident and can only assume that Mr. Cruz thought he was armed due to him also being employed in law enforcement. Deputy Santiago advised he never intended to draw his firearm or display it. Deputy Santiago conceded that Mr. Cruz could have taken his statement of "if you don't get out I'm going to make you get out" as a threat. Deputy Santiago stated he pushed Mr. Cruz off of him and pulled out his cellular telephone to begin videoing the situation.

Deputy Santiago provided two video clips of the situation. The first video is 31 seconds long. It also takes place immediately following the "disarming" of Deputy Santiago, however, it begins before Mrs. Santiago returns on the staircase. The camera perspective is from Deputy Santiago holding the telephone, pointing it at Mr. Cruz, who is above him on the staircase. The onset of the video is Deputy Santiago stating "sorry about what, still being in my house and in my bedroom", then Mrs. Santiago says "oh my god seriously" as she arrives back on the stairs and Deputy Santiago replies "seriously... for sleeping with my wife for over a year and not even using protection... this is what you're doing... this is in my house... is that what you're sorry for... is it?"

The second video clip is 6:29 minutes long and begins at roughly the same point in time as Mrs. Santiago's provided video. The difference between them is Deputy Santiago's video continues until after Mr. Cruz leaves the residence.

Deputy Santiago stated that in the video, he does not actually deny attempting to pull the firearm out of his pants. He stated that his reason for that was he was telling Mr. Cruz what he was actually doing, which was pulling his pants up, as opposed to what Mr. Cruz "thinks" he was trying to do. Deputy Santiago stated he did not know if Mr. Cruz or Mrs. Santiago were armed during the incident.

After Mr. Cruz left the house, Deputy Santiago stated he brought [REDACTED] into the apartment and he and Mrs. Santiago had a long talk about her multiple affairs. At the conclusion of the conversation when he was ready to leave, Mrs. Santiago returned the Glock 26 to him.

Deputy Santiago stated he never reported this incident to TPD or BCSO because he did not want to create any further problems or cause Mrs. Santiago to lose her job. Deputy Santiago stated that during one of his later conversations with Lieutenant Mosebach, he mentioned that he had caught Mr. Cruz in his house, but was not specific about anything

that had happened because he did not want to cause a situation to occur where a mandatory reporting of the incident may happen.

As to the allegation that Deputy Santiago contacted Mrs. Cruz at her place of work and talked to her about the affair between Mrs. Santiago and Mr. Cruz, he confirmed that he had indeed spoken to Mrs. Cruz. Deputy Santiago stated he did not recall exactly when it happened, but recalled it being within a few days of learning of the relationship. He stated he knew where Mrs. Cruz worked because his daughter had taken [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. He did not have a way to contact her aside from in person, so he went to her place of work and asked if she knew about the affair. According to Deputy Santiago, Mrs. Cruz was aware of the affair and told him Mr. Cruz had told her. Mrs. Cruz said they were working on their relationship. He stated the conversation was cordial and very brief.

I then questioned Deputy Santiago about the incident in front of Mr. Cruz's residence on February 17, 2020. Deputy Santiago stated the video provided by Mr. Cruz was in fact him (Santiago) outside of Mr. Cruz's residence approaching the vehicle and he confirmed that it was also him that called in the "suspicious vehicle" through the non-emergency number to TPD.

He stated Mrs. Santiago had called him earlier and they were supposed to meet at his (Deputy Santiago's) apartment to "spend time together," but she never showed up. Since she didn't show up, he wondered where she was so he accessed his OnStar application, which Mrs. Santiago installed on his telephone herself when they purchased the vehicle. He saw where her vehicle was so he went there, not realizing it was the residence of Mr. Cruz. He stated he had never been to Mr. Cruz's residence before. When he arrived and found the vehicle, he called the non-emergency number claiming young people were having romantic relations in the vehicle. Deputy Santiago admitted his call to TPD was deceptive in nature and that call was a waste of valuable patrol time for the TPD officer that responded. Specifically, on the call, he claimed to be out walking his dog and observed the suspicious vehicle with young people having romantic relations inside. Deputy Santiago said although he and Mrs. Santiago have a dog together, he did not have his dog with him, nor was he walking a dog, and additionally he knew exactly who was in the car, thus his statements to the dispatcher were intentionally deceptive as well. When asked why he did not provide his name and number to the dispatcher at the end of the call, he stated he simply chose not to provide it.

Deputy Santiago stated that after finding them, his intention was for TPD to catch Mr. Cruz and Mrs. Santiago together. Due to an extended response time by TPD, he decided to approach the vehicle himself and when he walked up, he used the OnStar application to unlock the door and he opened the front passenger's side door. Once it was open, he said something to the effect of "hey guys, what are you doing" and then Mr. Cruz looked at him and said "what are you doing here". Deputy Santiago stated his response was "I could ask you guys the same thing".

Deputy Santiago stated that at that point in time (February 17, 2020), Mrs. Santiago had already voluntarily dismissed the divorce proceedings (February 5, 2020) and he was under the impression they were trying to reconcile their relationship. Finding her with Mr. Cruz again immediately angered him. He stated he reached in and removed the keys from the ignition out of anger with the intention to leave her stranded there. He began walking away and then heard Mr. Cruz stating something to the effect of “you can’t do that”, so he walked back and said “do you know whose car this is?” Mr. Cruz responded with “it’s hers” and Deputy Santiago stated he replied with “no, it’s both of ours... we are still married... ask her exactly why if you don’t believe me” (referring to the voluntary dismissal) and then he walked down the street to where he had parked his car.

Deputy Santiago stated that Mrs. Santiago followed after him and pleaded for her keys, but he ignored her and he left her there and drove home. Mrs. Santiago later came over to his apartment (after being dropped off by Mr. Cruz) and he let her in. They had a conversation as to what happened and why she was leading him on in the relationship if she was continuing to see Mr. Cruz. The following morning (February 18, 2020), he gave the keys back to her.

Deputy Santiago stated that Mrs. Santiago drove her work vehicle to Mr. Cruz’s house and moved her SUV down the street from Mr. Cruz’s house so no one would see it. She went to work and later had a co-worker help her pick her vehicle up.

I then asked Deputy Santiago about the allegation that he damaged the door knob and garage door to the town home apartment. Deputy Santiago denied that he caused any damage to the town home apartment door knob or garage door. He also denied that he “admitted” any fault to Mrs. Santiago. He confirmed that he went to the Home Depot on her behalf to price replacement parts for the garage door. He did this so she would have an idea what fixing her door would cost and he offered to install it for her, however by that time the estimate had already been provided by the garage door company.

In reference to the physical altercation that later occurred in the parking lot, Deputy Santiago stated Mrs. Santiago saw him leaving his apartment with [REDACTED] and she walked over to them. She asked him for keys to the apartment or tools so she could get in her apartment, but he said he did not wish to talk to her and asked her to leave him alone. As he was walking towards his vehicle, she reached for and grabbed his keychain that was hanging off of his belt on his left hip. She would not let him unlock his vehicle. She managed to pull the keychain loose from the belt loop and he grabbed her hand to keep her from taking his keys. Deputy Santiago said he told her to let go and she did not let go. He allegedly told her “you don’t have permission to take anything off of my person” and she responded by saying “why won’t you just help me”. Deputy Santiago said he told her he didn’t owe her anything and asked her again to leave him alone. Mrs. Santiago was still grasping his keys so he began to squeeze her hand. According to Deputy Santiago, Mrs. Santiago then lunged forward and bit him on his chest through his shirt. They both let go of the keys but Deputy Santiago retrieved them, unlocked the

passenger's side car door and put [REDACTED] in the car, who was crying from what she had just witnessed.

Deputy Santiago then tried to get into the driver's side of the vehicle, however, Mrs. Santiago blocked him by leaning her body weight against the door to keep him from opening it. Deputy Santiago stated she then tried to open his car door, so he quickly locked it using his key fob so that she could not access his vehicle. He stated he asked her to back away so he could get into his car and she began to "body bumping" against him to keep him from gaining access to his car door. Deputy Santiago stated he pushed her away and managed to get inside the car and lock the door. Mrs. Santiago then began banging on the driver's side window yelling "open the door" multiple times. Deputy Santiago stated he drove away leaving her standing there.

Mrs. Santiago then called him twice as he was leaving the apartment complex and then sent a text message asking to speak to [REDACTED]. Deputy Santiago stated he gave [REDACTED] the telephone so that she could speak with her mother.

As with the other incidents, Deputy Santiago stated he did not report this incident with TPD or BCSO, citing that he did not want Mrs. Santiago to get in trouble and he wanted to keep investigations out of his personal life.

I then asked Deputy Santiago about the allegation that he followed Mr. Cruz and Mrs. Santiago from the apartment complex. Deputy Santiago stated he was aware of the situation I was asking about and he explained that he had just picked [REDACTED] up from after school care and was supposed to go to a friend's house for dinner. Without thinking, he pulled into the apartment complex and then realized his mistake. He pulled back out of the complex and began driving towards his friend's house, which is in Port St. John. While he was driving, he called Mrs. Santiago and told her he did not want to ruin her plans for the evening. He said he did not know if she had plans to do something with [REDACTED] for dinner, but that he was taking [REDACTED] to dinner at his friend's house and he would bring her back to Mrs. Santiago afterwards. He recalled hearing Mr. Cruz's voice in the background, but did not hear what he said.

Deputy Santiago stated he was not aware that he was behind Mr. Cruz's vehicle in traffic during this incident referred to by Mr. Cruz and Mrs. Santiago.

As to the allegation that Deputy Santiago stopped his patrol vehicle on the side of the road and talked to Mr. Cruz, Deputy Santiago stated this was true. He stated he was on his way home from work from West Precinct after the conclusion of his shift. He exited I-95 and drove down S.R. 407 to S.R. 405, then turned towards the apartment complex. As he neared the intersection with Barna Blvd, he observed Mr. Cruz parked on the side of the road sitting on the tailgate of his pickup truck. Deputy Santiago stated he pulled over and asked Mr. Cruz if he had a minute to talk and Mr. Cruz said he did. Deputy Santiago stated he told Mr. Cruz that he was aware that Mr. Cruz was going to continue to have a relationship with his wife. He asked that Mr. Cruz be considerate in this

situation, as “those are my kids” (referring to the children living with Mrs. Santiago) and he asked that he be respectful of that. He said he told Mr. Cruz to imagine if this situation were reversed and someone was having a relationship with Mr. Cruz’s wife and they were around his children how that might impact him and what the children would be witnessing. According to Deputy Santiago, Mr. Cruz responded that his relationship with Mrs. Santiago was none of his business. Deputy Santiago stated that Mr. Cruz extended his hand to offer a handshake and he (Santiago) declined to shake hands and got back into his patrol vehicle and drove home.

As to the allegation that Deputy Santiago made a threat against the safety of Mr. Cruz on April 18, 2020, Deputy Santiago stated that was not true. Deputy Santiago stated he called earlier in the day to speak with [REDACTED] which is normal for them. She was still sleeping when he called so he asked Mrs. Santiago to have her call him later when she woke up. A few hours later, Deputy Santiago called again and [REDACTED] was awake. Mrs. Santiago put [REDACTED] on the telephone and she told him she was up late the previous night playing games. She told him that she was playing games with Mrs. Santiago, Franchelis and John. Deputy Santiago stated he questioned Samantha about who John was and she responded with “John Cruz, mommy’s friend”.

Mrs. Santiago took the telephone at that point and Deputy Santiago had a conversation with her. He stated he felt it was ridiculous that she had Mr. Cruz over to the apartment again with his daughter home. Mrs. Santiago made some reference to “what does that have to do with you” and he expressed that he felt what she was doing was wrong, but if that’s what she was going to do then “no problem”. He stated he told her that he was not comfortable with Mr. Cruz around his kids, claiming that Mr. Cruz was a “drunk” and said he specifically referenced the situation in August when Mr. Cruz “jumped” on him. He said he expressed his concern that his children were not safe around Mr. Cruz, but that was the type of person she was choosing to expose the children to and stated he felt it was a horrible decision.

Deputy Santiago denied ever making any statement similar to being comfortable living with consequences of his actions. He denied ever making any statement threatening Mr. Cruz’s safety or the safety of his family. He also denied ever making any statement that Mr. Cruz needed to wear his bullet proof vest at all times. Lastly, Deputy Santiago stated he did not make any statement that he would not rest until Mr. Cruz was away from his family.

Deputy Santiago confirmed that he made a statement about grabbing his shotgun, however, the comment was taken out of context. Deputy Santiago stated that while he was on the telephone with her, a call was being dispatched and he was reading the call comments to a call for service involving a violent suicidal individual. He referenced to his zone partner that based on what he saw in the comments, the suicidal person may know they were coming and may be grabbing a shotgun and a vest to prepare for a fight.

Deputy Santiago stated after disconnecting the call, he went to the call for service and he grabbed his shotgun where he then set up on a perimeter. Mrs. Santiago was sending him numerous messages through the "Whats App" about whatever she thought he had just said. He stated he did a "voice to text" response telling her that he was on a perimeter and that was the end of the conversation between them.

Deputy Santiago said he does not understand why Mrs. Santiago would allege that he made threats against Mr. Cruz, which initiated this whole investigation, when it did not happen. I asked why Deputy Santiago did not respond to or deny statements Mrs. Santiago alleges he says in the Whats App. Deputy Santiago stated that Mrs. Santiago is constantly alleging that he said this or said that and he is just tired of responding to her. He said he only replies to things he absolutely has to reply to, and is he is not willing to get "pulled into" her games.

As to the incident that occurred on April 19, 2020, Deputy Santiago stated the following: Earlier that day, he exchanged several text messages and telephone calls with Mrs. Santiago. During one of the telephone calls he utilized a digital recorder to record the telephone conversation, which was done without her knowledge or consent. Deputy Santiago stated he did not realize recording someone on the telephone without their consent was a violation of F.S.S. 934.03. Deputy Santiago stated that he recorded her telephone call because of the situation she has placed him in from April 18, 2020, where she made false allegations that he threatened Mr. Cruz's safety, which placed him under investigation by Staff Services. He felt recording his conversation was the best way to protect himself so that she could not make any further false allegations. Deputy Santiago stated he did not think to notify her that he was recording the conversation.

Deputy Santiago stated his original agreement with Mrs. Santiago was that [REDACTED] would be coming with him at 7:30 p.m. As the day progressed, Mrs. Santiago began to share that [REDACTED] wished to stay with her because Franchelis was still in town visiting from Georgia. During that telephone call, Deputy Santiago requested that any future communication they have be done through text messages so there would be written record, because of the allegations she had made against him on April 18, 2020. Eventually, he spoke to [REDACTED] on the telephone (also recorded) and [REDACTED] also told him she wanted to stay at Mrs. Santiago's for the night because Franchelis was visiting. Deputy Santiago stated he expressed to both Mrs. Santiago and to [REDACTED] that it was his turn to have her [REDACTED] and that he would be at the apartment at 7:30 p.m. to pick her up as planned. Deputy Santiago felt that Mrs. Santiago was manipulating [REDACTED] into staying with her because, according to Deputy Santiago, [REDACTED] always chooses to be with him over staying at Mrs. Santiago's for a longer period of time.

At 7:30 p.m., Deputy Santiago activated a digital recorder in his pocket and turned on his cell phone video to record and walked to Mrs. Santiago's apartment door to pick up [REDACTED]. He stated he did this to avoid Mrs. Santiago being able to allege that he threatened her or anyone else during the child exchange.

Mrs. Santiago answered the door at the apartment, but [REDACTED] was not downstairs and ready to go. When he realized that [REDACTED] was not ready to go and was not even aware that he was at the door to pick her up, in addition to his suspicion that Mrs. Santiago was manipulating [REDACTED] to stay with her, he asked why she was keeping her away from him. Mrs. Santiago eventually called [REDACTED] to come downstairs and she stepped outside the door to talk to him.

Deputy Santiago stated he stood there, outside of the door next to [REDACTED] and talked to her about the original plan for her to come to his house, which is the arrangement they have always had. Deputy Santiago stated that Mrs. Santiago intervened in his conversation with [REDACTED] and started saying she had a choice on whether she wanted to stay with her or go with him. According to Deputy Santiago, Mrs. Santiago tried to reach for [REDACTED] hand to pull her inside and he looked at Mrs. Santiago and said "what are you doing?" Mrs. Santiago let go and Deputy Santiago said "you know what, we are leaving" and then he turned and began walking [REDACTED] towards his apartment.

As he walked, he stated he was guiding [REDACTED] in front of him, with one hand on her shoulder and one hand on her other arm. As he was walking, Mrs. Santiago came out after him, pushing and pulling on his shoulder and pulling his shirt and arms. He stated he could hear Franchelis behind him telling Mrs. Santiago not to touch him while she was physically trying to stop Mrs. Santiago from touching him. *This is evidenced from Deputy Santiago's cellular telephone video 0:02:40 where Franchelis is heard eagerly pleading with Mrs. Santiago not to touch him and Deputy Santiago can be heard saying "don't touch me, don't touch me".*

When they reached Deputy Santiago's door, he stated he entered the door code and opened the door and began walking in, still with [REDACTED] in front of him. As they entered the apartment foyer, the door to the apartment was closing behind him. According to Deputy Santiago, Mrs. Santiago then passed the threshold and pushed the door open, effectively forcing her way into the apartment. He turned and faced her and used his body to try and push her back through the door to get her out. At the same time, Franchelis was behind Mrs. Santiago also trying to push her way in with Mrs. Santiago. *This is evidenced by Deputy Santiago's cellular telephone video at 0:03:14 where his video pans to show Franchelis' lower half of her body pushing forward into the apartment. Her pants are recognizable in the video and can be compared to the later interviews conducted by TPD with their body camera video. The doorframe can be seen on the lower left side of the video, which means she is inside of the apartment at that time. In review of Mrs. Santiago's cellular telephone video at 0:00:29, her cellular telephone is clearly inside of the apartment pointing at the locking mechanism's on interior frame of the door itself and Franchelis can be seen through the door opening trying to push the door inwards. It is clear that Mrs. Santiago is on the inside of the apartment at this time because her pink shorts can be seen on the screen inside the apartment.*

Deputy Santiago stated he tried to push the door shut, but Mrs. Santiago was able to push partially past him through the opening in the door between him and the wall. He stated he



put his foot down in front of the door to keep it from opening any further and he turned his body, effectively pinning her against the wall. At that time, she was partially in the apartment with her right leg pinned in the door. *Mrs. Santiago confirms this on TPD body camera labeled "Watson taking pictures of F. Santiago" when Officer Watson is taking digital photos of Mrs. Santiago's alleged injuries. Mrs. Santiago points out marks on her right leg above her knee and says "this is from the door".*

██████████ said ██████████ and called 911. *Because of the position he had pinned her in, her face was against his right shoulder, which is evidenced in the first cellular telephone video segment provided by Franchelis, which shows the positioning of Mrs. Santiago inside the threshold of the door. This can also be seen at 0:02:32 in the video provided by Mrs. Santiago. At this point in time in the video, the cellular telephone is being held by ██████████ and is pointing towards the door, showing ██████████ holding Mrs. Santiago in the door's threshold while holding ██████████ telephone with his left hand on 911.*

Mrs. Santiago continued to fight to get into the apartment and ultimately she punched Deputy Santiago in the groin. At the same time, Franchelis, who is outside the door, is physically striking him through the opening in the door and screaming at him. *This is also evidenced on the cellular telephone video provided by Mrs. Santiago at 0:03:06 where audible sounds are heard that sound like a person hitting skin and Deputy Santiago states "look at what your sister is doing", referring to being physically struck by Franchelis through the door, and Mrs. Santiago replies "because you're hurting me" and then she says "Franchelis please stop".*

Deputy Santiago stated he was forced to adjust his position to personally protect himself from the attack. His right arm was already around the upper torso/shoulder area of Mrs. Santiago, so when he turned to his left and pushed her forward, she bent at the waist and was facing the ground. His right arm was then in a position to hold her in a modified choke hold. He adjusted his position to holding her hair, with his right arm resting on her back so that he could keep enough pressure to keep her face down. He kept her in that position, face down towards the floor, keeping his foot jammed against the door to prevent it from opening any further. *This is evidenced by the second and third video segment provided by Franchelis, which do not have sound. ██████████ is visible walking towards Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago while they are struggling in the second video segment. The cellular telephone she is holding can be seen on the "home" screen, which means the video from Mrs. Santiago's telephone has already stopped recording at this point, seen at 0:00:01. Because Mrs. Santiago's recorded video captured ██████████ placing the 911 call, this means that the second and third video segment provided by Franchelis happen after the 911 call. Thus, the portion in time where Deputy Santiago is holding Mrs. Santiago by her hair and then in a headlock both happen after the 911 call. This is important because Mrs. Santiago and Franchelis claim Deputy Santiago pulled Mrs. Santiago into the apartment by her hair, however it is*



*clearly evidenced in the video segments that their statements are inaccurate he did not grab her hair until long after the physical confrontation began inside the apartment.*

By that time, Mrs. Santiago was making statements that she would leave, but Deputy Santiago says that it is too late for that and she is going to go to jail. Deputy Santiago stated that he said she was going to jail for putting his hands on him on the way to the apartment, for forcing her way into his apartment and hitting him inside as well. After telling her that she was going to jail, Deputy Santiago stated that Mrs. Santiago began trying to get herself free to leave, however, he would not let her go until TPD arrived because he did not know what else she would do. He stated his reasoning was because he knew she was going to “flip this around” when TPD arrived and tell a different story than what happened.

Deputy Santiago said that during the incident, he was trying to get [REDACTED] to go to the room, however, Franchelis was continually telling her to stay.

Deputy Santiago stated he was not aware if Mrs. Santiago was armed during this situation or not. *Mrs. Santiago was armed with a handgun in her shorts during the forced entry into the residence and battery committed within, which is evidenced by her interview on TPD body camera and TPD still frame images (Image F-2 Santiago's [REDACTED] which depicts Mrs. Santiago's [REDACTED] with her gun exposed over the top of her shorts. This picture was taken by Officer Watson and is also on the body camera from Officer Watson which is titled “Watson taking pictures of F. Santiago”.*

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] calling 911 because [REDACTED] had just been the victim of his wife and her sister attacking him after forcing their way into his apartment. [REDACTED] felt he was limited as to what he could do to defend himself against both of them.

Deputy Santiago stated that Monday, April 20, 2020, he was served with an injunction from Mrs. Santiago. He went to the Viera courthouse on April 21, 2020 to get a copy of the original petition because he stated he was not provided with a copy of that upon his service.

I asked if Deputy Santiago had any text messages, emails, telephone records, or video evidence that I was not currently in possession of that was relevant to this investigation. Deputy Santiago provided a flash drive with numerous screen shots of text messages between him and Mrs. Santiago. In some of those messages, as late as February 2020, Mrs. Santiago was sending him residential house listings on Zillow.com asking his opinion on residences she was interested in for them to purchase together.

Deputy Santiago further provided information, supported by text messages with images that Mrs. Santiago has continued a romantic relationship with him (Mr. Santiago) up to as recently as April 1, 2020. The content of the messages was graphic in nature and is as follows:

April 1, 2020 at 5:32 pm: Image of wet spot on couch cushion:  
Mrs. Santiago: *"Omg I sat on the couch for a min to set up [REDACTED] zoom and look what happened"*

April 1, 2020 at 5:33 pm: Image of wet pink underwear and wet pink shorts:  
Mrs. Santiago: *"that was a whole lot!!"*

April 1, 2020 at 5:36 pm:  
Deputy Santiago: *"Well I'm not sorry about that, that's just a reminder that I'm all you need and I always fill you up (Kiss face emoji)"*

April 1, 2020 at 5:36 pm:  
Mrs. Santiago: *"Si mi amor always have been always will be"*

April 1, 2020 at 5:38 pm:  
Deputy Santiago: *"I understand that we are not ready but we both can admit that we are inevitable"*

April 1, 2020 at 5:38 pm:  
Mrs. Santiago: *"100"*

Deputy Santiago also added that he had recently been in possession of the pink/purple AR-15 again, which was provided to him by Mrs. Santiago approximately a month ago for him to take hunting and to "sight in" the rifle scope. She recently began asking for the rifle back again, but he ignored those messages. He stated that due to her attitude at the time she was asking for it back, he did not want to return it, and he sold the rifle for \$400.00 to facilitate payment to his divorce attorney.

## **V. Other Investigative Efforts**

On April 18, 2020, while conducting a formal sworn witness interview with Mrs. Santiago, I received the original formal complaint form she completed regarding her initial complaint about Deputy Santiago. This form is included as an enclosure with this memorandum and documents her complaint regarding the "threats" made during the telephone call on April 18, 2020 where Deputy Santiago allegedly made threats against Mr. Cruz and his family's safety.

I requested Deputy Santiago's agency assigned cellular telephone usage and text messages for the past 12 months. There was no relevant activity in the agency telephone usage or text messages related to this investigation.

On April 20, 2020, I met with Property Manager [REDACTED] and learned that after moving out of the apartment Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago shared, he moved into another apartment in the same complex. Deputy Santiago came to her and asked for a new apartment, but did not specify which building or area he wished to live. He

requested a specific floor plan (2 bedroom) and was provided with the available apartment. He was not offered any discounts, nor did he request any discounts [REDACTED] and he pays full rent for the unit he occupies. Deputy Santiago added that he was going to be “working on his marriage”. As for the damage to Mrs. Santiago’s garage, Mrs. Henderson said that Mrs. Santiago was billed for the damage and no payments have been made as of yet due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

I obtained the Titusville Police Department CAD Report and Non-Emergency call for service relating to the suspicious vehicle incident at Mr. Cruz’s residence on February 17, 2020. In review of this call for service, it is clear that the voice on the non-emergency call was Deputy Santiago. During the call, Deputy Santiago is deceptive with the Titusville Police Department dispatcher and claims that he was “walking his dog” in the neighborhood and observed a suspicious vehicle with “young people” in the vehicle that appeared to be engaged in romantic activity. Deputy Santiago states this information numerous times prior to the dispatcher asking if Deputy Santiago would like to include his name and telephone number. Deputy Santiago declines to add his information and ends the call. Titusville Police Department Officer Christopher Woods was dispatched to the suspicious vehicle call and upon arrival, John Cruz told him the vehicle was allowed to be there and there was no issue. Officer Woods left the area. (TPD Case #2020-0011124). During his witness interview, John Cruz advised he had surveillance video of the incident and he provided a copy of that video. Upon review of the video, I observed the following: There is a black SUV parked in the grass near the street in front of the Cruz residence. Deputy Santiago walks up to the passenger’s side of the vehicle and attempts to open the back passenger’s side door, however, it is locked. He then tries to open the front passenger’s side door and it is also locked. It appears someone inside unlocks the vehicle because the interior lights come on as Deputy Santiago opens the passenger’s side door. He reaches across John Cruz, who is sitting in the front passenger’s seat and he removes the keys from the vehicles ignition and begins to walk away. He stops briefly and walks back to the vehicle and says something before walking away again. Mrs. Santiago exits the driver’s side of the vehicle and walks away after him. There is no more video from that point. The video and audio and CAD are included as enclosures with this memorandum.

I obtained the BCSO CAD Report (Case Report #2020-00132642) of a call for service in which Deputy Santiago was on a perimeter during the time frame of the telephone conversation with Mrs. Santiago where he says he is grabbing a shotgun on April 18, 2020 and then sends her a text message that says he is on a perimeter. This document is included as an enclosure with this memorandum.

I obtained a copy of the temporary injunction for protection that was applied for and granted to Mrs. Santiago against Deputy Santiago. A hearing for the temporary injunction was scheduled for June 18, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. before the Honorable Judge Michelle Naberhaus. This document is included as an enclosure with this memorandum.

I received the case package from Titusville Police Department for the incident on April 19, 2020 that resulted in TPD filing a Capias Request with the State Attorney's Office for *F.S.S. 784.03 Battery- Domestic Violence and F.S.S. 827.03(3) (a) Child Neglect* against Deputy Santiago. There are audio recorded interviews, audio files, cellular telephone video, body camera footage, still frame images, and text messages as evidence collected by TPD. In review of the cellular telephone videos from Deputy Santiago, Mrs. Santiago and her sister, Franchelis Rodriguez, I was able to detail the following additional information:

Deputy Santiago's cellular telephone video is 4:48 seconds in length and contains audio. The camera perspective appears to be affixed to the front of Deputy Santiago's body in some fashion. The video starts at the apartment door to Mrs. Santiago's apartment. Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago argue briefly about who will have the child for the evening. Deputy Santiago states that he wants to see his daughter and Mrs. Santiago calls for her to come to the door. Deputy Santiago then speaks to his daughter who says she wants to remain with Mrs. Santiago because her aunt (Franchelis Rodriguez) is visiting and Mrs. Santiago told her she would be leaving in a few days. Deputy Santiago explains that he and Mrs. Santiago have a schedule of where she will be and it is time for her to be with him. Mrs. Santiago tells ██████████ to decide where she wants to stay, and ██████████ says she wants to stay with Mrs. Santiago. Deputy Santiago then begins walking away towards his apartment, guiding ██████████ in front, holding each of her arms just above the elbows. Although you cannot see Mrs. Santiago or Ms. Rodriguez, you can immediately hear them both making statements as they follow after him. Mrs. Santiago says "Jafet...Jafet" and then Ms. Rodriguez says "don't touch him". ██████████ begins crying. Ms. Rodriguez again says "don't touch him and he'll have no reason to touch you back". ██████████ is now loudly crying and saying "I want to go, I want to go" while Mrs. Santiago is saying "things are about to get real, things are about to get real."

Upon reaching Deputy Santiago's residence door, the video begins moving much too fast to distinguish what is occurring and is then largely focused on the door and wall with the people involved not on camera. ██████████ screams "Mommy I want to go to his house...Mommy I'm going...Mommy". Ms. Rodriguez says "get your hands off my sister" and then Mrs. Santiago says "Jafet I can't breathe". You can hear more screaming and then Ms. Rodriguez yelling again "let go of my sister". ██████████ says "mommy, mommy, mommy, mommy, mommy I'm going". Mrs. Santiago says "Jafet let me go please" and Deputy Santiago says "I'm telling you right now you're going to jail, I'm telling you right now you're going to jail". Mrs. Santiago then says "just let me go and I'll leave" and Deputy Santiago replies "no it's too late for that". ██████████ then states "she will go right now, she will go right now" and Deputy Santiago states again "it's too late". There is more talk that is indistinguishable and then Deputy Santiago tells ██████████ to go to her room as ██████████ cries out "I don't want to see this, you're hurting her can you please leave her alone". Ms. Rodriguez yells for ██████████ to stay and again Deputy Santiago tells ██████████ to go to the room. Mrs. Santiago again says "please let me go" and Deputy Santiago says "it's too late for that". Mrs. Santiago says again "Jafet please... please". Ms. Rodriguez can be heard yelling "take your hands off

my sister bitch... what the fuck you fat ass loser". Ms. Rodriguez then continues to tell [REDACTED] not to go to the room and [REDACTED] replies that she wants to stay. This ends the video.

Mrs. Santiago cellular telephone video is 3:49 seconds in length and contains audio. The perspective of the camera appears to be in Mrs. Santiago's hands. The video begins after Deputy Santiago is already walking back towards his apartment, guiding [REDACTED] in front of him, holding both of her arms just above her elbows. The audio and video are clear, the same as on Deputy Santiago's telephone video up to the point they reach Deputy Santiago's apartment door. As Deputy Santiago opens the door to the apartment, Mrs. Santiago says "Jafet do not take her in there" and then [REDACTED] starts screaming. Deputy Santiago then says "get out of my house". Refer to 0:00:19 in the video and it is clear that Mrs. Santiago's hand is pushing on the door, which opens inward, forcing herself into the apartment. This is clear because the apartment door is dark on the outside and light colored on the inside. Mrs. Santiago's hand is visible on the exterior of the door (dark side) pushing inward, which means she has passed the threshold of the apartment and is now in the interior. At that point in time, the camera flashes to show the door knocker hanging on the exterior of the door and you can see that the door is fully opened, with the exterior hallway behind her.

It is clear that Mrs. Santiago is forcefully following Deputy Santiago into his residence. It appears that Deputy Santiago turns to try and push the door closed on Mrs. Santiago, however, her hand comes up into view pushing the door back open. The telephone then is flipped around and is facing Mrs. Santiago and you can see that she is pushing forward into Deputy Santiago's residence. Her right shoulder and half of her face and the exterior entranceway hallway are visible. The camera angle then changes to pointing in a more downward position and the door frame is clearly visible. From the camera view, it is clear that the telephone is fully inside of the apartment at this point. The video is then very hard to distinguish even going frame by frame until the camera slows down. At this point, the door to the apartment can be seen from the inside and it appears it is being pushed closed by Deputy Santiago while he is holding Mrs. Santiago. From the angle of the camera, it is not possible to tell what part of Mrs. Santiago is being held.

The telephone appears to fall in some manner and hit the floor at this point and nothing is distinguishable on video for several seconds until [REDACTED] picks up the telephone. [REDACTED] turns the camera towards Deputy Santiago who can then be seen holding Mrs. Santiago against the wall using his body to pin her against the wall and holding her around her shoulders with his right arm while on [REDACTED] telephone in [REDACTED] hand calling 911 saying "Deputy needs assistance 10-24, Deputy needs assistance 10-24" multiple times. Mrs. Rodriguez can be heard shouting insults from the exterior hallway. [REDACTED] walks out of the room crying with the telephone, then returns and tries to negotiate with them all to stop. At 3:33 in the video, Ms. Rodriguez can be heard slapping Deputy Santiago on the arm and head through the partially opened door, which means she has also broken the residence threshold and is partially inside. (During Ms.

Rodriguez' interview with TPD, she clearly admits to committing battery by striking Deputy Santiago numerous times).

Franchelis Rodriguez's cellular telephone video: The cellular telephone videos labeled by TPD as belonging to Franchelis Santiago are in 3 individual video segments.

Segment one is five (5) seconds in length. The perspective of the camera appears to be outside of the residence door, filming in through the partially opened door. Immediately inside the door threshold, keeping the door from opening is Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago in very close proximity to one another face to face. Deputy Santiago appears to be holding Ms. Santiago in a variation of a headlock, where her face is against his shoulder. [REDACTED] their common child is visible behind them and is clearly upset and crying. The audio is of Deputy Santiago telling the child "go now [REDACTED] while Franchelis yells "no [REDACTED] stay right here".

Segment two is five (5) seconds in length and has no audio: The perspective of the camera again appears to be in the doorway threshold to the residence. At this point in time, Deputy Santiago is standing off to the left side of Mrs. Santiago. She is bent over forward, facing the ground, and Deputy Santiago is holding her by her hair with his right hand with his whole right arm against Mrs. Santiago's back keeping her face down. Mrs. Santiago reaches up over her shoulder with her right hand to try and free Deputy Santiago's grasp of her hair. Visible on the video, standing in front of them both is [REDACTED] still visibly upset and crying. She appears to be holding Mrs. Santiago's cellular telephone at this time. Deputy Santiago waves her away with his left arm and she walks out of the room.

Segment three is eight (8) seconds in length and also has no audio: The perspective of the camera remains in the doorway threshold of the apartment. At this point in time, Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago are in relatively the same position. Deputy Santiago is holding Mrs. Santiago in a manner that is keeping her bent over forward facing the ground. It appears that Deputy Santiago no longer has Mrs. Santiago by the hair and he is now holding her in a headlock. [REDACTED] again walks towards them and then walks backwards towards another room.

There are several statements made by Mrs. Santiago during her respective interviews with TPD during her interview in the criminal investigation and with myself during her initial complaint interview that are inconsistent. In her sworn, audio-recorded interview with me, Mrs. Santiago claimed that she and Deputy Santiago married on March 30, 2014 and then she filed for divorce in July 2019. During the process of explaining the current status of the divorce, Mrs. Santiago stated that she was not certain what the current status was, as she had "served" the signed papers to Deputy Santiago herself and that he was to turn the documents in after he signed his portion. That statement is clearly false. Researching the marital status of Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago on the Brevard Electronic Court Application (BECA) website, I found that Mrs. Santiago did originally file for divorce, however, the date was September 26, 2019. She then submitted a Voluntary Dismissal of the entire divorce case on February 5, 2020. After reviewing the



facts, Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago were still married and Deputy Santiago still had residency in the residence when he had the physical confrontation with Mr. Cruz. During his subject interview, Deputy Santiago stated he had not moved out of the residence when this incident occurred and he still had his possessions in the residence.

Another statement made by Mrs. Santiago, which is inconsistent was made during her follow-up interview with Lieutenant Little on April 22, 2020, which is captured on Lieutenant Little's body camera titled "*Second Interview Santiago 1*". At 43:50 seconds into the video, Mrs. Santiago states that she moved into the town house due to marital issues with Deputy Santiago when she allegedly had asked him to leave their previous shared residence in the complex, and he allegedly told her he wouldn't leave. Lieutenant Little then asks "so you guys didn't live in this apartment together" (referring to the town home Mrs. Santiago is currently residing in) and Mrs. Santiago responds with "no... umm he was allowed to come here... he used to come here and he would hang out with us when I first moved here, and then I was like... listen... then things started to happen like this in August and I changed the code and was like... listen... from now on..." Lieutenant Little then says "so he doesn't have the code" and Mrs. Santiago responds "no he does not... I've never even..." Lieutenant Little then says "he says I don't have access to her..." and Mrs. Santiago replies while Lieutenant Little is talking with "no he's never had access to this apartment...every time he comes here, or when he comes to bring [REDACTED] he will call me from downstairs.. [REDACTED] does have the code and so, that's how he got in here in August because he saw that she used the code...so you know.."

According to documentation provided by [REDACTED] the complex Property Manager for the [REDACTED] Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago resided in numerous apartments together, to include the town home residence and both signed the lease agreement together. [REDACTED] documents provide a timeline of apartments resided in by Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago, which are as follows:

September 23, 2016-November 7, 2016, both Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago are on the lease for [REDACTED] This was a temporary apartment while they waited for another unit to open.

November 4, 2016-March 23, 2017, both Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago are on the lease for [REDACTED] This was the apartment that they had waited for.

March 24, 2017-November 8, 2018, both Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago are on the lease for [REDACTED] This was a larger apartment than the previous [REDACTED] address.

November 9, 2018-Current. Both Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago are on the lease for the town home at [REDACTED] which is the residence still occupied by Mrs. Santiago. On August 29, 2019, Deputy Santiago took possession of a 1 bedroom apartment at [REDACTED] where he resided at the time of the incident on April 19, 2020. Deputy Santiago maintained residential ownership of the town home

with Mrs. Santiago until October 21, 2019, when they both signed a “Resident Deletion Addendum” document, which removed Deputy Santiago from the lease agreement on the town home. While residing in the town home together, both Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago were both acting in the role of “Courtesy Officer” for the complex. According to [REDACTED] Mrs. Santiago was initially the only courtesy officer and they were given a discount on rent. After Deputy Santiago became a Deputy Sheriff, he was added to the courtesy officer position along with Mrs. Santiago and they were provided with an additional discount in rent. When Deputy Santiago moved out of the mutual town home on August 29, 2019, he was removed from his standing as a courtesy officer and was not given any discounted rent on the 1 bedroom apartment. The lease agreement for the mutual town home and the resident deletion addendum are included as enclosures to this memorandum.

This is important because Mrs. Santiago claimed that Deputy Santiago’s entrance to the town home residence on August 25, 2020, during the physical altercation with Mr. Cruz was an issue. Deputy Santiago had legal access to the residence at that time. During Deputy Santiago’s subject officer interview, he provided a two additional cellular telephone videos, which capture different portions of time than those originally provided by Mrs. Santiago and Mr. Cruz of that incident. Deputy Santiago was recording the incident on his cellular telephone as well as Mrs. Santiago, however, one of his videos is longer. The first video is 31 seconds long. It also takes place immediately following the “disarming” of Deputy Santiago, however, it begins before Mrs. Santiago returns on the staircase. The camera perspective is from Deputy Santiago holding the telephone, pointing it at Mr. Cruz, who is above him on the staircase. The onset of the video is Deputy Santiago stating “sorry about what, still being in my house and in my bedroom”, then Mrs. Santiago says “oh my god seriously” as she arrives on the stairs and Deputy Santiago replies “seriously.. for sleeping with my wife for over a year and not even using protection.. this is what you’re doing.. this is in my house.. is that what you’re sorry for.. is it?”

The second video clip is 6:29 and begins at roughly the same point in time as Mrs. Santiago and Mr. Cruz’s video. The difference between them is Deputy Santiago’s video continues until after Mr. Cruz leaves the residence.

## **VI: Recommendation**

This investigation was initiated over allegations that Deputy Santiago made threats against the safety of Mr. John Cruz and his family on April 18, 2020. In the process of investigating those alleged threats, numerous other incidents were brought to the attention of the Brevard County Sheriff’s Office and those incidents are summarized in timeline format as follows:

On August 17, 2019, Deputy Santiago learned that his wife, Mrs. Santiago, was having intimate relationships with two coworkers at the Titusville Police Department.

Deputy Santiago had suspected she was having an intimate relationship with TPD Detective Ezekial DeVoss, however, he had been unable to confirm it. He went to his family's house in Osceola County for a few days, and while he was gone, Mrs. Santiago abandoned her children to go spend time with someone, who he suspected to be Officer DeVoss. Deputy Santiago found out Mrs. Santiago was possibly in another area of Florida attending a wedding with Ezekial DeVoss and upon calling his wife, [REDACTED] found out he (DeVoss) was also out of town. They suspected jointly that Mrs. Santiago and Mr. DeVoss were together.

Deputy Santiago traveled to the mutual town home residence he shared as husband and wife with Mrs. Santiago and discovered that both of her vehicles were there, but she was not. He observed that some of her personal effects were also missing in the form of a "go bag" which he believed meant she was planning to be gone for a short period of a few days at the maximum. Out of anger, he stated he released tire pressure from Mrs. Santiago's vehicle and secured a personally owned AR-15. Deputy Santiago then collected the children and drove them all to his family's residence in Osceola County.

After numerous telephone calls with Mrs. Santiago, she allegedly confessed that she was indeed having an intimate relationship with Mr. DeVoss.

The actions involving the tire pressure and AR-15 were confirmed by both parties and did not result in law enforcement intervention against Deputy Santiago or Mrs. Santiago. This situation did prompt a telephone call from TPD Commander Jeff King to BCSO Lieutenant Thomas Mosebach to inform him about the ongoing dispute and allegations. Unfortunately, Lieutenant Mosebach choose to simply have a discussion with Deputy Santiago concerning the information provided by TPD and took no further intervention action. During the supervisory to subordinate discussions, Deputy Santiago confided that he had just found out his wife had been having an extra-marital affairs and with coworkers at Titusville Police Department, Sergeant John Cruz and Detective Ezekial DeVoss.

On August 25, 2019, there was a confrontation, in which Deputy Santiago and Mr. Cruz were face to face in the town home apartment. A brief physical altercation ensued. During the physical interaction, Deputy Santiago was disarmed of his concealed firearm by Mrs. Santiago. Although both Mrs. Santiago and Mr. Cruz allege they were placed in a position of such fear of violence from Deputy Santiago that they felt the need to physically engage and disarm him, neither reported the incident to Titusville Police Department or the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. Additionally, although Mrs. Santiago was in such fear of imminent violence, she returned the firearm back to Deputy Santiago and Mr. Cruz left the residence with Mrs. Santiago in the presence of Deputy Santiago. There is a cellular telephone video from both Mrs. Santiago's cellular telephone and Deputy Santiago's cellular telephone that captures conversation between Deputy Santiago, Mrs. Santiago and Mr. Cruz. There is no physical confrontation captured on video.

Deputy Santiago took it upon himself to travel to [REDACTED] place of employment and notify her of the intimate relationship between Mrs. Santiago and Mr. Cruz. He stated he knew where [REDACTED] worked because his daughter [REDACTED] had taken [REDACTED] at her [REDACTED]. He stated his purpose was to find out if she knew about the relationship. [REDACTED] told him she was aware and she and Mr. Cruz were working on their relationship. This conversation was described as being cordial.

On August 29, 2019, according to records from the [REDACTED] and Deputy Santiago's subject officer interview, he took possession of a neighboring apartment with the knowledge of Mrs. Santiago. He moved directly from their mutual town home residence across the parking lot to the new 1 bedroom apartment allegedly with Mrs. Santiago's assistance in moving some household items. Deputy Santiago stated during his interview that Mrs. Santiago had told him that she wanted to work on their marriage and that living nearby would allow them to work on the marriage and that he would easily be able to see the children.

At some point after Mr. Santiago moved out of their shared residence, Mr. Cruz states that Deputy Santiago stopped on the side of the road while he (Deputy Santiago) was driving his agency issued marked patrol vehicle and while in possession of his BCSO uniform, where they engaged in a brief conversation. During this conversation, Deputy Santiago alleges that he asked Mr. Cruz to be considerate to the fact that he was around his (Santiago's) children, and to put himself in the same position if this were happening at his own residence. According to both Mr. Cruz and Deputy Santiago, Mr. Cruz responded that his relationship with Mrs. Santiago was "none of his business". Deputy Santiago left the area and drove home.

Also around the same time, Mr. Cruz stated that Deputy Santiago had followed Mrs. Santiago and himself from Mrs. Santiago's residence for several miles on the roadway. Mr. Cruz stated that after picking Mrs. Santiago up from the residence, they observed Deputy Santiago entering the complex as they were leaving, however, he turned around and followed them out and was several cars behind them in the normal flow of traffic. Mrs. Santiago then received a telephone call from Deputy Santiago where he said he did not want to "ruin their evening". According to Mr. Cruz, both he and Mrs. Santiago told him to stop following them. Deputy Santiago eventually turned to go in another direction. According to Deputy Santiago, he was supposed to be going to a friend's house in Port St. John for dinner and without thinking, he pulled into the apartment complex parking lot by mistake. He exited the parking lot and began driving towards Port St. John with his daughter in the car with him. He stated he had forgotten to let Mrs. Santiago know about the dinner plans so he called her to say he hoped he wouldn't ruin her evening by taking [REDACTED] to dinner at his friend's house before bringing home. He heard Mr. Cruz in the background talking while he was on the telephone with Mrs. Santiago, so he realized she was with him. He stated he did not realize he was behind them, as he did not readily recognize the truck owned by Mr. Cruz that they had been driving in front of him in traffic.

On October 21, 2019, Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago went to the complex office together and both signed a "Resident Deletion Addendum" effectively removing Deputy Santiago's joint liability on the town home lease agreement.

On February 5, 2020, Mrs. Santiago submitted a "Voluntary Dismissal" of the entire divorce case to the clerk of courts office. This means that Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago are still married with no divorce process in motion.

On February 17, 2020, Deputy Santiago stated he utilized the OnStar cellphone application on his telephone, which was downloaded by Mrs. Santiago, to locate Mrs. Santiago parked outside of Mr. Cruz's residence. He stated he had never been to Mr. Cruz's house before and at the time of the incident, he did not know it was Mr. Cruz's residence. Deputy Santiago then calls in a false "suspicious vehicle" non-emergency call to the Titusville Police Department, during which time he is intentionally deceptive and claims he was walking his dog when he observed two young people engaging in sexual relations in the vehicle parked in front of the address. He declines to provide his name and contact information during the call. Deputy Santiago then approaches the vehicle on his own opens the front passenger's side door to the vehicle by unlocking the door with the OnStar cellphone application. Once the passenger's side door open, he reaches in and physically removes the keys from the ignition and begins walking away. During his interview, Deputy Santiago stated that Mr. Cruz made a statement to him as he was walking away and he came back to say "do you know who's car this is?". Mr. Cruz responded with "it's hers" and Deputy Santiago stated he replied with "no, it's both of ours... we are still married...ask her exactly why if you don't believe me" (referring to the voluntary dismissal) and then he walked down the street to where he had parked his car. Mrs. Santiago follows after him on foot pleading for her keys, however, Deputy Santiago refuses to give them back and he leaves her stranded. Mrs. Santiago returns to Mr. Cruz's house and asks that he drive her home. This accounting of the incident is supported by Mr. Cruz's residential surveillance video and the non-emergency call for service recorded by Titusville Police Departments Non-Emergency telephone line when Deputy Santiago called in the suspicious vehicle.

Mrs. Santiago detailed during her sworn interview that at the end of February, her garage door and residence door were allegedly damaged by Deputy Santiago. She detailed in her statement that Deputy Santiago had a long history of employment as a locksmith prior to his employment as a law enforcement officer and that she recognized the damage to her door handle as that of someone with locksmith skills. She was unsure how her garage door had been damaged exactly, but guessed the door was struck by a vehicle of some kind. Mrs. Santiago stated that Deputy Santiago allegedly confessed to her that he had caused the damage and agreed to pay the repair costs, which were estimated by the complex management's hired contractor (Quality Garage Door Services) at \$1,197.00. During his interview, Deputy Santiago stated he had nothing to do with her damaged door handle or garage door and he never made any admissions to her or apology. He stated he did try to assist her by going to Home Depot to price out replace parts for the garage for

her to pay for the repairs, however, the hired contractor had already been paid a deposit by the apartment complex management so that was no longer a concern.

Mrs. Santiago also stated there was a physical altercation in the parking lot the next day between Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago during which time she tried to remove keys from Deputy Santiago's belt to gain access to her residence, however, he grabbed her hand in response to her actions at which time she bit him on his chest. Deputy Santiago disputed this chain of events, citing that Mrs. Santiago grabbed the keys off his belt and actually removed them, at which time he grabbed the keys back and she would not let them go. He admitted that he squeezed her hand to get the keys and stated that she would then not allow him to get into his car. She used her body to physically block his car door from opening. He stated he was forced to push her back away from him to get his daughter into the car. In that respect, Mrs. Santiago claims that Deputy Santiago shoved their child into the car. Both Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago recall that Mrs. Santiago repeatedly beat on the window as he drove away. This incident was witnessed by Mr. Dale Wineinger, although Mr. Wineinger did not observe Mrs. Santiago alleged bite to Deputy Santiago and he did not witness Deputy Santiago allegedly squeezing Mrs. Santiago's arm or hand. Mr. Wineinger did observe Mrs. Santiago jump on Deputy Santiago's shoulders in an apparent attempt to take him to the ground. Mr. Wineinger also stated to me that he did not observe the child involved in the situation. Deputy Santiago provided pictures, through his attorney, of a bruise on his chest which he alleges to be the bruise caused by Mrs. Santiago biting him on the chest.

On April 1, 2020, Deputy Santiago had consensual intimate relations with Mrs. Santiago, which were graphically described via text messages, to include photographs. Deputy Santiago produced these messages during his subject officer interview. During Mrs. Santiago's interview, she claimed that since filing for divorce (which she alleged was July 2019) that she has been trying to separate herself from Deputy Santiago and she has been in discussion with Mr. Cruz about them moving in together. The statement that Mrs. Santiago is trying to separate herself from Deputy Santiago is inconsistent with the evidence presented as she has clearly had continued consensual intimate relations with him and voluntarily dismissed their divorce proceedings on February 5, 2020.

On April 18, 2020, Mrs. Santiago and Mr. Cruz made notifications through Lieutenant Tyler Wright of the Titusville Police Department of alleged threats made by Deputy Santiago over the telephone. Mrs. Santiago was the only person to actually hear the alleged threats. During that telephone call, Deputy Santiago allegedly threatened the personal safety of Mr. Cruz by saying he and his family are not safe around him and he needs to wear a bullet proof vest at all times. Deputy Santiago also allegedly said he would do anything to keep Mr. Cruz away from his family and that he was willing to live with whatever consequences came from that. He then added that he was grabbing his shotgun and they had no further telephone call contact. During his subject interview, Deputy Santiago disputed this allegation. Deputy Santiago stated while he was on the telephone with Mrs. Santiago, while reading the CAD comments for a "hot call", which he was responding. The call involved a violent suicidal person and Deputy Santiago

advised he was making statements regarding this call to his zone partner in conjunction with his conversation to Mrs. Santiago and she apparently misunderstood what he was doing. Deputy Santiago stated he never made any threats to Mr. Cruz's safety or the safety of his family. Deputy Santiago stated that the reference to his shotgun was made about him grabbing his shotgun for the perimeter of the call for service. Deputy Santiago was on a call for service at the time of the telephone call with Mrs. Santiago and was positioned on a perimeter of a violent suicidal person. (BCSO CR #2020-00132642).

On the evening of April 18, 2020, after being notified of the allegations made by Mrs. Santiago, I responded to the BCSO North Precinct and made contact with Lieutenant Tyler Wright, Mr. John Cruz and Mrs. Frances Santiago with which I conducted separate, voluntary, sworn, audio-recorded interviews. Following the interviews, I met with Deputy Santiago in person and served him documentation placing him on Administrative Leave, with pay, pending an internal investigation regarding the allegations. I collected Deputy Santiago's agency issued firearms (Walther handgun, AR-15 rifle and Remington Shotgun), portable radio, laptop, duty belt, Taser, and assigned vehicle. This also includes his law enforcement credentials (Badge, Identification card, building access keys). I counseled Deputy Santiago that it was in his best interest not to have further contact with Mrs. Santiago unless absolutely necessary for child welfare or child exchange situations and that he was not to contact Mr. Cruz in any manner. Deputy Santiago advised he was clear on the instructions by verbally acknowledging.

April 19, 2020, Deputy Santiago and Mrs. Santiago exchanged several text messages and telephone calls, all of which are recorded either in text format or audio recording from a digital recording device Deputy Santiago had activated. In the texts and recorded telephone calls, Mrs. Santiago explains that their daughter does not want to come to his residence that evening, despite it being his turn with the child. A recorded telephone call with the child on the telephone is also available during which the child explains she wants to remain with her mother since her aunt is visiting (Franchelis Rodriguez). Deputy Santiago stated during his subject interview that the recording of the telephone call with Mrs. Santiago was made without her consent or awareness. He stated he did not realize this was a violation of law (*F.S.S. 934.03 Interception and disclosure of wire, oral, or electronic communications*). He stated he did realize that any violation of law is a violation of BCSO policy (*400.06 Compliance with Law and Regulation*).

Despite this information, Deputy Santiago walked to Mrs. Santiago's apartment at 1930 hours to pick up their mutual child (Samantha) because it was his day to have his daughter and he did not want Mrs. Santiago to keep her from him. This is supported by an audio recording device Deputy Santiago has activated in his pocket, which recorded the entire incident. During the conversation, [REDACTED] tells Deputy Santiago she does not wish to go with him and wanted to remain with her mother and aunt. Deputy Santiago calmly talks with [REDACTED] and explains that he and Mrs. Santiago have an arranged schedule for who she is to be with and that the schedule is important to keep. According to Deputy Santiago, he turns and begins walking [REDACTED] towards his residence. Mrs. Santiago's actions then turn to pushing and pulling on his shoulder and

shirt as he is walking [REDACTED] in front of him towards his residence. Deputy Santiago cites the audio recording devices (his cellular telephone, Franchelis' cellular telephone and his digital recording device) all of which capture the voice of Franchelis Rodriguez telling Mrs. Santiago not to hit Deputy Santiago and his own voice telling Mrs. Santiago not to touch him. Upon reaching Deputy Santiago's residence door, Mrs. Santiago and her sister, Franchelis allege that Deputy Santiago pushes the child through the doorway threshold and then grabs Mrs. Santiago by the hair and pulls her into the residence where a physical altercation ensues. Deputy Santiago maintains that Mrs. Santiago tried to pull the child away from him and that she forcefully and uninvited into his residence behind him where he was forced to defend himself. Ultimately, numerous 911 telephone calls emanate from the apartment complex.

Titusville Police Department arrived on scene and began a criminal investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation, Lieutenant Josh Little determined that Deputy Santiago was the primary aggressor and filed for a Capias Request with the State Attorney's Office for *F.S.S. 784.03 Battery- Domestic Violence and F.S.S. 827.03(3) (a) Child Neglect*. Based on the facts shown in this investigation, Deputy Santiago was clearly not the primary aggressor. This investigation also clearly documents that Mrs. Santiago, while armed with a handgun, and Franchelis Rodriguez forced entry into Deputy Santiago's residence where both committed a crime within, battery domestic violence and battery against him.

Deputy Santiago provided images, through his attorney, of marks on his arm and forearm, which he alleges are caused by the altercation at his residence during that incident. Due to the nature of this incident, Deputy Santiago's administrative leave status was amended to reflect that he would be *Suspended, Without Pay*, until such time as a more thorough investigation of the matter could be conducted.

On April 28, 2020, Mrs. Santiago re-filed for a dissolution of marriage (divorce) under Court Case #05-2020-DR-025507-XXXX-XX. During his subject officer hearing, Deputy Santiago stated he has also counter-filed for a dissolution of marriage through his private attorney, Jennifer Mostert.

Based on the above detailed information, there are numerous violations of agency policies, to wit: *300.03 Harassment; 400.00 General Professional Responsibilities; 400.06 Compliance with Law and Regulation and 400.04 Substandard Performance:*

### ***300.03 Harassment***

Deputy Santiago engaged in a series of actions that appeared to be of no purpose other than the continued harassment of Mrs. Santiago, to include the deflating of her personal vehicle tires and the removal of her keys from her SUV and calling Titusville Police Department for a "suspicious vehicle" call. These behaviors are unacceptable and a clear violation of policy.



**400.00 General Professional Responsibilities:**

Employees will not engage in any conduct that constitutes neglect of duty, conduct unbecoming an officer, insubordination, carelessness, or any other act that is likely to adversely affect the discipline, good order, or reputation of the Sheriff's Office or any of its employees. Within Brevard County sworn employees will at all times:

- A. Protect life and property.
- B. Preserve the peace.
- C. Prevent, detect, and deter crime.
- D. Enforce all applicable laws in a fair and impartial manner.

**400.06 Compliance with Law and Regulations:**

Employees will observe and obey federal and state laws, local ordinances, rules and regulations of the Sheriff's Office and orders from superior officers. Employees having knowledge of other employees violating laws, ordinances, or rules and regulations of the Sheriff's Office, or disobeying lawful orders by superior officers, will report same in writing to the Sheriff through official channels.

**400.04 Substandard Performance:**

**A. Incompetence:**

An employee will be determined incompetent in his/her job performance when he/she has demonstrated an inability to meet reasonable measures of job performance or to maintain established standards of proficiency. Depending upon the circumstances, the Sheriff will determine appropriate action, including counseling, retraining, transfer, demotion or discharge of such employee.

**B. Carelessness:**

An employee may be determined to have impaired or jeopardized the proper and efficient operation of the Office of the Sheriff due to his/her carelessness or neglect of their job performance under this provision where he/she acts or fails to act either in a deliberate or willful manner that reflects a reckless or wanton disregard for life, safety, or property; or in any manner contrary to acceptable standards of performance; or which results or could have resulted in injury, danger, or damage to others or to their property. Furthermore, repeated incidents of minor carelessness or a pattern of errors, neglect, and/or inattentiveness to job performance are of an equally serious nature and will not be tolerated. Each case of carelessness or neglect will be evaluated and considered on its merits and will result in appropriate administrative or disciplinary action up to and including discharge of the employee

On April 20, 2020, Mrs. Santiago as the petitioner, applied for and was granted a temporary injunction for protection against Deputy Santiago. A hearing for the temporary injunction was scheduled for June 18, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. before the Honorable Judge Michelle Naberhaus.

On May 28, 2020, at 1110 hours, the petitioner, Mrs. Santiago filed in open court (Case# 05-2020-DR-024649): *Petitioner appeared at the hearing but desires to voluntarily dismiss this action.*

On June 8, 2020. At 0900 hours, the following email communication was received from the State Attorney's Office:

**From:** David Whateley  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2020 9:00 AM  
**To:** [MICHAEL.LITTLE@TITUSVILLE.COM](mailto:MICHAEL.LITTLE@TITUSVILLE.COM)  
**Subject:** Jafet Santiago Miranda 2020-00027450

*Good Morning,*

*Below is the disposition of the above case. Let me know if you have any questions.*

*After reviewing the cameras and sworn statements, the State cannot conclusively determine if the complainant entered the residence prior to the use of physical force. The suspect claims that the complainant unlawfully entered his residence and he was restraining her until law enforcement arrival. There are conflicting statements between the witnesses (child and sister of the complainant) as to whether the entry occurred prior to the use of physical force. Furthermore, the facts do not rise to the level of child neglect as the child did not suffer any injury or show any facts that there was a likelihood of injury. Mental injury requires an expert opinion per statute, which is absent in this case. Even though there is a statement indicating that the child will be sent for therapy, this does not automatically support that there was a mental injury. For the above reasons, the State cannot successfully prosecute this case to the burden of beyond a reasonable doubt.*

*Dave Whateley  
Assistant State Attorney  
Domestic Violence Division Chief*

Deputy Santiago stated that the divorce proceedings have likewise been resolved and will become effective as soon as approved by Judge Naberhaus.

Based on the facts set forth in this administrative investigation, I recommend the following administrative charges against **Deputy Jafet Santiago**:

*Section 300.03 Harassment – “Sustained”  
Section 400.00 General Professional Responsibilities - “Sustained”  
Section 400.04 Substandard Performance – “Sustained”  
Section 400.06 Compliance with Law and Regulation – “Sustained”  
Section 400.27 Prohibited Activity While On-Duty – “Not-Sustained”*


In closure, the investigation recommends sustained violations where Deputy Santiago engaged in a pattern of conduct that was unbecoming an officer and adversely affected the discipline, good order, or reputation of the Sheriff's Office and its employees; where he failed to observe and obey state laws, rules and regulations of the Sheriff's Office; and he acted in a deliberate and willful manner that reflects a reckless or wanton disregard for safety or property; and in any manner contrary to acceptable standards of performance; which results could have resulted in injury, danger, or damage to others and to their property. The actions alleged criminal conduct or violations of agency policies and procedures by Titusville Police Detective Frances Santiago, or any other member of the Titusville Police Department and civilian Mrs. Franchelis Rodriguez all occurred in the municipal jurisdiction of the Titusville Police Department and are forwarded to their attention for review.

## **VII. Enclosures**

- Administrative Leave Notice
- Notice of Administrative Investigation
- Administrative Investigation Warnings
- Formal Complaint from Frances Santiago
- Audio Recordings of Interviews
- Email Correspondence with Frances Santiago
- Surveillance video
- Titusville Police Department Audio-TPD Case Number 2020-00011124
- CAD Report from Titusville Police Department 2020-00011124
- BCSO CAD Report Case Number
- Titusville Police Department Case Packet 2020-00027450
- Titusville Police Department Evidence for 2020-00027450
- Copy of Temporary Injunction for Protection 05-2020-DR-024649-XXXX-XX
- Copy of Divorce 05-2019-DR-047378-XXXX-XX
- Copy of Voluntary Dismissal 05-2019-DR-047378-XXXX-XX
- Copy of BECA Printout for Original Divorce and New Filing
- Images from Deputy Santiago
- State Attorney's Office Filing Decision

**VIII. Oath**

I, Agent Joseph Bracey, do hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive, the subject of the investigation of any of the rights contained in ss. 112.532 and 112.533, Florida Statutes.

Signed  #784  
Agent Joseph Bracey, ID# 784

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Signature   
NOTARY PUBLIC/LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
IN PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES





Brevard County Sheriff's Office  
Titusville, Florida

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Deputy Jafet Santiago Miranda #4168  
**FROM:** Chief Deputy Doug Waller  
**DATE:** April 18, 2020  
**RE:** Administrative Leave

<b>A TRUE COPY</b>	
TIME	8:59 P.M.
DATE	4/18/2020
<b>BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>	
Received By: Jafet Santiago Miranda	
<i>J. S. Miranda</i> 4168	
Signature of Employee Served	
Served by:	
<i>[Signature]</i> #784	
Signature of Agent/Deputy	

On April 18, 2020, allegations were made against you in regards to on and off duty behavior that have raised concerns about your fitness to function as a Brevard County Deputy. The preliminary feedback I have received is so concerning to me and the operation of the Sheriff's Office that I have no option other than to relieve you of your normal duties and place you on Administrative Leave pending the outcome of this investigation.

Administrative leave is paid leave. You will be compensated as if you worked your normal shift, whether you work a full shift that day or not. However, you will modify your hours to attend appointments and accomplish those tasks required for you to return to your normal duties. If the required duties exceed the hours allotted daily for the administrative leave, you will apply for hours above normal duty according to policy.

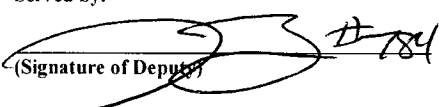
While you are on Administrative Leave the following conditions will apply to you;

- You are not to report to your regular duty assignment until directed to do so.
- You will not enter the secured area of any BCSO facility unless directed to do so.
- You will not access any confidential data bases maintained or licensed to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (DAVID, FCIC/NCIC, Bullet, Bullet V2, etc).
- You are not to wear the uniform of a deputy sheriff or identify yourself as such.
- You will not operate any vehicle owned by, or under the control of, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.
- Your ability to carry a firearm under the authority of the Sheriff of Brevard County is being suspended pending the outcome of this investigation.
- Upon request, you will surrender any and all Brevard County Sheriff's Office equipment that has been issued to you.
- Being on leave does not relieve you of the duty to appear in court or respond to any subpoenas that have been issued to you.

Should you have a question about the direction that is being provided to you in this memorandum, please contact Commander Bruce Barnett at #321-633-2123.

c: Sheriff Wayne Ivey  
Commander Barnett  
Staff Services  
HR Manager Lisa Gillis



TIME 2:00 P.M.  
 DATE APRIL 23, 2020  
 CASE NUMBER 2020-CI-003  
**BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
 Served by:  
  
 (Signature of Deputy)

## BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTICED** that you are under administrative investigation regarding alleged violations of Brevard County Sheriff's Office policies and procedures. The basis of this administrative investigation is a complaint made by Frances Santiago that on April 18, 2020, FTO Jafet Santiago allegedly engaged in conduct that appears to be in violation of established standards of conduct of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

(complainant's name) (date) (employee's name)

(Brief summary of allegations)

The allegation, if true, could be a violation of the following policies:

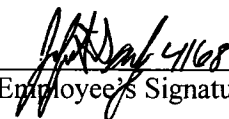
<i>Section</i>	<i>Violation</i>
300.03	Harassment
400.00	General Professional Responsibilities
400.06	Compliance with Law and Regulation
400.27	Prohibited Activity While On-Duty

**HOWEVER**, as a member of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, you are responsible for obeying all the policies and procedures of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and those of your respective command. You may be held accountable for any violations of policies and procedures that this investigation determines you have violated. If you are aware of any persons that have knowledge of this incident, you are obligated to notify the assigned investigator immediately so that they may be interviewed prior to your subject officer interview.

**YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED** not to convey, directly or indirectly, any details of this interview or investigation to any person(s) in or outside this agency other than your representative. If so, you will be in violation of agency policy, Section **400.05 Insubordination**. Your actions may result in other disciplinary sanctions against you.

**I HEREBY** acknowledge that I have read and understand the above notice. I also acknowledge receipt of written Notice of Administrative Investigation.

Jafet Santiago  
Employee's Name

 4-23-2020  
Employee's Signature / Date



# BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATION WARNING

I WISH TO ADVISE YOU that you are being questioned as part of an official investigation of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. JS (initial here)

YOU WILL BE ASKED questions specifically directed and narrowly related to the performance of your official duties or fitness for duty. You are entitled to all the rights and privileges guaranteed by the Laws and the Constitution of the United States, including the right not to be compelled to incriminate yourself. JS (initial here)

I FURTHER WISH TO ADVISE YOU that if you refuse to testify or to answer questions relating to the performance of your official duties or fitness for duty, you will be subject to administrative charges, which could result in your dismissal from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. JS (initial here)

IF YOU DO ANSWER, neither your statement(s) nor any information or evidence that is gained by reason of such statement(s) can be used against you in any subsequent criminal proceeding, except for perjury or obstruction of justice charges. JS (initial here)

HOWEVER, these statements may be used against you in relation to subsequent administrative charges. JS (initial here)

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED not to convey, directly or indirectly, any details of this interview or investigation to any person(s) in or outside this agency other than your representative. If so, you will be in violation of agency policy, Section 400.05 *Insubordination*. Your actions may result in other disciplinary sanctions against you. JS (initial here)

I HEREBY acknowledge that I have read and understand the above notice. I also acknowledge receipt of written Administrative Investigation Warning.

Jadet Santiago  
Employee's Name

JS 5-11-2020  
Employee's Signature / Date





700 Park Avenue  
Titusville, FL 32780

## BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CIVILIAN COMPLAINT REPORT

INSTRUCTIONS: The on-duty supervisor will assist the complainant in completing the appropriate portions of this form in any complaint alleging misconduct by a member of this agency. He/She will immediately submit this completed form, including all corroborating documents of proof, to the Precinct/Division Commander who will act upon it accordingly. An investigative deputy will communicate with the complainant and/or their attorney to arrange for an interview regarding this investigation at a convenient date and time.

**NOTICE: Persons who knowingly provide false information in their complaint may be subject to criminal prosecution by this agency and civil prosecution by the named employee.**

COMPLAINANT'S LAST NAME		FIRST	M.I.	HOME ADDRESS		HOME PHONE	
Santiago, Frances		Rodriguez		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
DATE OF BIRTH	OCCUPATION		BUSINESS ADDRESS		BUSINESS PHONE		
[REDACTED]	Detective		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF COMPLAINANT ENGLISH, SPANISH, ETC.		REPRESENTATIVE/INTERPRETER		ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER	
English							
NAME OF DEPUTY SHERIFF IF UNKNOWN PROVIDE DESCRIPTION			ID #	VEHICLE #	COMMAND OR PRECINCT		
Jafet Santiago			4168		West Precinct		
LOCATION OF INCIDENT (INCLUDE VILLAGE, CITY OR COUNTY)					DATE & TIME OF OCCURENCE		
Titusville, Brevard County, Florida					04/18/2020		
DOES COMPLAINANT GIVE PERMISSION TO BE CONTACTED AT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT?			DEPOSITION TAKEN		OTHER DOCUMENTATION:		
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>			YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> PHOTOGRAPHS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> PHYSICAL EVIDENCE		

### DETAILS OF COMPLAINT (TO BE COMPLETED BY COMPLAINANT)

On 04/18/2020, at approximately 1521 hrs, my daughter, [REDACTED] called her father, Jafet Santiago to his personal cellphone from my personal cellphone as he requested earlier in the day. [REDACTED] told Jafet, that she had stayed up late the night before because she was playing games with "Mommy, Titi Peeky, and John" (me, my younger sister, Franchelis Rodriguez and John Cruz). Jafet became silent on the phone which prompted [REDACTED] to hand me the phone. I greeted Jafet and he asked if John was at the house the night before. I told Jafet that John was in fact at the house. Jafet said "there are consequences for your actions" I responded with "what do you mean consequences? What are my consequences?" Jafet said "just know that these are your consequences". Jafet told me John was not safe around him and that "he should wear his vest every where he goes". I told Jafet what he said was very stupid and crazy, I told him I understood that he was upset but she never say crazy things such as these. I also reminded Jafet that just like he told me about consequences for his actions he should be careful about what he said or did because there would be consequences. Jafet told me he was fully aware of his consequences and could and would live with them. Jafet and I ended the conversation (I dont remember who ended it).

At 1531 hours, Jafet called me back and said he will "do whatever it takes to get him away my family" meaning get John away from Jafet's family (assuming he meant my five kids and me". Jafet repeated his statement then said John nor his family were safe. Jafet then hung up the phone on me.

At 1531 hours, I called Jafet back and he said "Im getting my shot gun right now" then disconnected.

After the first phone call at 1521 hours, and before the second phone call I texted Jafet via What's App as I always do after he says or does crazy stuff, for documentation purposes. I texted the following:

1529 hours: "What you said was so crazy and concerning"

1530 hours: "I don't understand why you would even say that John needs to wear his vest at all time."

1531 hours: " Jafet I really hope you were just saying crazy shit and serious"

At 1535 hours, after the last phone call where Jafet told me he was grabbing his shotgun he texted "I cant talk right now I'm holding a damn perimeter"

I quickly informed John of the communication with Jafet. John, who was still at the house, used my phone to text Jafet the following using What's App:

"This is John, Frances just told me you said I am not safe around you, I need to wear my vest and my family is not safe, you said you were getting your shot gun, This is being reported to to your agency and mine"

I then took John home and on the way to his house he called Lt. T. Wright and while on speaker phone I told Lt. Wright all of the above.

After dropping off John to his house, I called BCSO communications and asked for a Sgt. to contact me on an urgent matter. Sgt Sangeleer called me I advised him of all of the above and explained my concern in Jafet harming John or his family, me or my children or possibly himself. Sgt. Sangeleer told me he would send me this affidavit so that I could fill out and turn into the North Precinct Sgt on duty. Sgt. Sangeleer also informed me that because this would be turned into an I.A he could not speak to Jafet about the specific incident but would check on him to make sure that he was okay.

Notary Public State of Florida at Large

Sworn to and Subscribed Before Me this \_\_\_\_\_

Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

*Frances Santiago*  
Signature of Complainant

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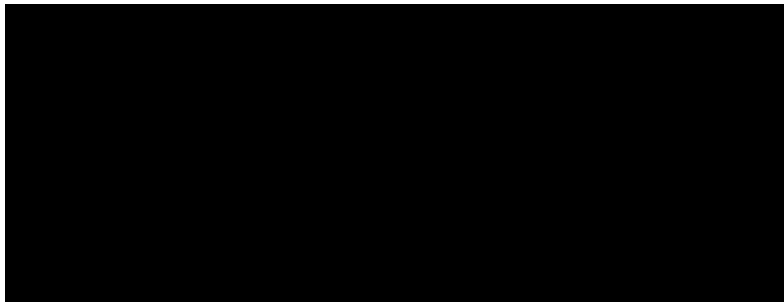


Frances Santiago <frances837@gmail.com>

Sat 4/18, 9:43 PM

Bracey, Joseph

Reply all |



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From: **Frances Santiago** <frances837@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 2, 2020 at 6:01 PM

Subject: Fwd: Beau here...

To: Jafet Santiago <jiffylocks@gmail.com>

This is beyond ridiculous! I really do hope that you plan to cover this since you did this. I cannot afford to pay this. I will definitely be evicted if they expect this payment with this months rent. Please be responsible and pay for the damages you caused.

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From: [REDACTED]

Date: Mon, Mar 2, 2020, 16:57

Subject: Beau here...

To: <frances837@gmail.com>

Francis, here is the invoice for the door that we pay for at first so that it is done, but it will be charged to your account, for payment when the work is completed. Please ask if you've any questions, thanks Beau.

[REDACTED]

Beau Marlin

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Work Email: [REDACTED]

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## Fwd: Beau / Garage door



Frances Santiago <frances837@gmail.com>

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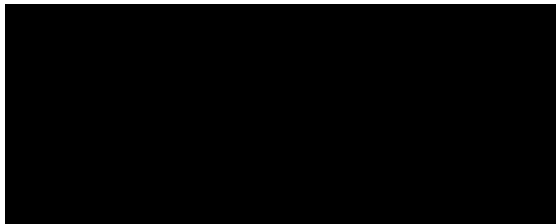
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From: [REDACTED]  
Date: Mon, Mar 30, 2020 at 4:37 PM  
Subject: Beau / Garage door  
To: Frances Santiago <frances837@gmail.com>

The garage door is being installed tomorrow, please don't forget and let me know if there are any questions, around noon is what they said last I talks with the them... thanks Beau.



Beau Marlin

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Work Email: [REDACTED]



# TITUSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CASE REPORT

CASE# 2020-00027450

1100 JOHN GLENN BLVD

TITUSVILLE, FL 32780

<b>EVENT</b>	REPORTED DATE/TIME <b>04/19/2020 19:38</b>	OCCURRED INCIDENT TYPE <b>Domestic Disturbance</b>	
	OCCURRED FROM DATE/TIME <b>04/19/2020 19:38</b>	OCCURRED THRU DATE/TIME <b>04/19/2020 19:38</b>	LOCATION/NO. OF OCCURRENCE [REDACTED]

<b>OFFENSES</b>	STATUTE/DESCRIPTION	COUNTS	ATTEMPT/COMMIT
	01	<b>784.03. BATTERY / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>	
02	<b>827.03(3)(a) CHILD NEGLECT</b>		<b>Commit</b>

<b>SUBJECT</b>	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE <b>Adult Suspect</b>	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) <b>Santiago Miranda, Jafet</b>					
	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) [REDACTED]				
	RACE <b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	SEX <b>Male</b>	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE	HAIR	EYE	
	DL NUMBER/STATE [REDACTED]	PRIMARY PHONE [REDACTED]	PHONE #2 [REDACTED]	PHONE #3			

<b>SUBJECT</b>	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE <b>Adult Victim</b>	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) <b>Santiago, Francis R</b>					
	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) [REDACTED]				
	RACE <b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	SEX <b>Female</b>	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE	HAIR	EYE	
	DL NUMBER/STATE [REDACTED]	PRIMARY PHONE [REDACTED]	PHONE #2 [REDACTED]	PHONE #3			

<b>SUBJECT</b>	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE <b>Juvenile Victim</b>	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) [REDACTED]					
	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) [REDACTED]				
	RACE [REDACTED]	SEX [REDACTED]	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE	HAIR	EYE	
	DL NUMBER/STATE [REDACTED]	PRIMARY PHONE [REDACTED]	PHONE #2 [REDACTED]	PHONE #3			

REPORTING OFFICER <b>106 Little</b>	DATE <b>04/19/2020</b>	REVIEWED BY
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### ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS

<b>SUBJECT</b>	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)			
	<b>Adult</b> <b>Witness</b>	<b>Rodriguez, Franchelis B</b>			
	DOB      AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	<b>06/21/1991</b>	<b>400 W Peachtree ST NW Atlanta, GA 30308</b>			
RACE	SEX	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE	HAIR	EYE
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	<b>Female</b>			<b>Black</b>	<b>Brown</b>
DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE	PHONE #2	PHONE #3		
<b>GA</b>	<b>(646)925-0403</b>				

<b>SUBJECT</b>	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)			
	<b>Other (Officer)Witness</b>	<b>WERRING, TIM</b>			
	DOB      AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
		<b>1100 JOHN GLENN BLVD Titusville, FL 32780</b>			
RACE	SEX	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE	HAIR	EYE
DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE	PHONE #2	PHONE #3		
	<b>(321)264-7800</b>				

<b>SUBJECT</b>	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)			
	<b>Other (Officer)Witness</b>	<b>Watson, Lauren</b>			
	DOB      AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
		<b>1100 JOHN GLENN BLVD Titusville, FL 32780</b>			
RACE	SEX	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE	HAIR	EYE
DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE	PHONE #2	PHONE #3		
	<b>(321)264-7800</b>				

<b>SUBJECT</b>	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)			
	<b>Other (Officer)Witness</b>	<b>Givens, Daniel</b>			
	DOB      AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
		<b>1100 JOHN GLENN BLVD Titusville, FL 32780</b>			
RACE	SEX	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE	HAIR	EYE
DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE	PHONE #2	PHONE #3		
	<b>(321)264-7800</b>				

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	DOB      AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)				
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# TITUSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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1100 JOHN GLENN BLVD  
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## NARRATIVE

On April 19, 2020 at approximately 1938 hours the Titusville Police Department responded to [REDACTED] due to several emergency 911 phone calls regarding an altercation between two individuals; one caller identifying those individuals as a deputy and the other as a detective and both in possession of firearms. Lieutenant Little arrived on scene and saw a white male, later identified Dale Wineinger, waving to him, directing him to an outdoor hallway. Lieutenant Little saw a Hispanic female, later identified as Frachelis Rodriguez, directing him to apartment [REDACTED]. The door to the apartment was slightly ajar, and immediately apparent that a Hispanic male, later identified as Jafet Santiago, and Hispanic female, Francis Santiago, were in an altercation as the male was holding Francis around the upper torso, and shoulder area. Jafet requested Lieutenant Little identify himself before he let Francis go, while requesting she exit his residence. Lieutenant Little separated the two, with Jafet remaining inside the doorway of his residence, and Francis standing outside in the open hallway. Inside the residence was a child, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was crying and telling her father, Jafet, she wanted to give her mother, Francis, a hug. Jafet refused to let her out of the apartment. Lieutenant Little spoke with Jafet, requesting he allow his daughter to give Francis a hug to which he refused, eventually giving in to the request of [REDACTED]. Jafet said he wanted to file charges for Francis's unauthorized entry into his apartment and battery. Francis wanted her phone, claiming Jafet put it in his boot. I did not see where the phone was retrieved because Jafet reached behind the door to get it; however, there were a pair of boots behind the door. Lieutenant Little remained between the two trying to calm the situation until other units arrived, at which point they were removed from each other's sight and interviewed.

### Interview of Jafet Santiago

Jafet Santiago told Lieutenant Little he had been arguing with Francis reference visitation with his daughter, [REDACTED]. Jafet felt as though Francis was keeping [REDACTED] from him by telling him [REDACTED] was wanting to stay at her house because [REDACTED] aunt, Frachelis, was visiting from Georgia. Jafet said he told [REDACTED] twice he would pick her up at 1930 hours. Jafet said ever since Francis has been having an affair, and after he told her a couple of weeks ago he wanted nothing to do with her, she has been acting, "a fool".

Jafet said he walked over to Francis's apartment after locking his door, with a recording device, and requested to talk to his daughter. When he arrived, Francis's told him he could speak with [REDACTED] but she was not going with him. Jafet expressed his concerns regarding his belief [REDACTED] was being kept from him, eventually spoke with [REDACTED] and asked her if she was ready to go. [REDACTED] told Jafet she was ready at which point Francis intervened telling [REDACTED] the decision to visit her father was one she needed to make at; which point Jafet grabbed [REDACTED] hand and walked with her to his apartment. Jafet said while walking to his apartment, with [REDACTED] in front of him, Francis was pulling him by the shirt telling him not to go, as he told

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106 Little

DATE

04/19/2020

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her to stop and get her hands off of him. Jafet said Franchelis told Francis to stop putting her hands on him, and her actions would cause her to go to jail. Jafet continued to walk towards his apartment, and when he got to the door he told Francis to back away, leave him and [REDACTED] alone, and not to touch him. As he opened the door Francis started pulling on him and [REDACTED] and broke the threshold of the apartment as he tried to shut the door. As he shut the door Francis lunged through the doorway and continued to grab and pull on him in an attempt to get to [REDACTED]. Jafet said he told Francis to get out of his house, there was no reason to do what she was doing, and when Francis entered the residence he grabbed her, put her against the wall, and did not let go. [REDACTED] called 911 on his personal phone and agency phone, and told Francis she had not been invited in or asked to go to residence, she was hurting him, and she was going to jail. Jafet said Franchelis hit him about the arm and head, and verbally assaulted him. Jafet said Francis twisted his arm, and he was holding Francis around the waist, neck, and her hair moving the way in which he held her because she kept grabbing him and loosening his grip.

Jafet admitted while he was holding Francis she tried exit the apartment, which occurred after he told her she was going to jail, and she was not going anywhere until law enforcement got there. Jafet said Francis did at one time have unescorted access to his apartment; however, he changed the code on the electronic door about a month ago so she could no longer get in. The code was changed when he realized their attempts at mending their relationship were not going to work. Jafet said he does not have access to Francis's apartment.

Jafet said Samantha was not injured and saw the entire incident because Franchelis kept telling her the opposite of what he was telling her, agreeing with Lieutenant Little his daughter was more than likely confused. Jafet said it was wrong for Francis's sister to tell [REDACTED] she needed to witness the event and they, Francis and Franchelis, shouldn't have escalated the incident. [REDACTED] said his cellphone was recording video and the video may have been interrupted upon returning to [REDACTED] and calling 911. Jafet spoke about a previous unreported incident involving domestic violence between him and Francis; which occurred in the presence of Samantha.

### Interview of Francis Santiago

Sergeant Werring interviewed Francis. Francis said Jafet had made plans to pick [REDACTED] up at 1930 hours; however, [REDACTED] did not want to go because she wanted to spend time with her aunt. Francis said she spoke to Jafet at approximately 1245 hours in an effort to "gauge" his mental status due to events which took place the day prior, and throughout their separation. Francis said Jafet sounded as though he was okay. Jafet requested she text him instead of calling him on the phone. Although [REDACTED] said she did not want to go, she told [REDACTED] at 1800 hours to get her things because her father was picking her up. [REDACTED] again said she did not want to go, at which point Francis told [REDACTED] to call her father and tell him. Francis activated the speaker on the phone so she could listen to what was being said during the phone call between [REDACTED] and Jafet. Francis tried to talk to Jafet but he hung up the phone. Francis sent Jafet a text telling him [REDACTED] did not want to go, and requested he not show up at her apartment.

Jafet arrived at Francis's apartment at approximately 1930 hours, and knocked on the door several times. Francis put her phone on record and asked her sister to go with her to speak with Jafet. Francis told Jafet she would never keep [REDACTED] from him, and the decision to cancel visitation was made by [REDACTED]. Francis told [REDACTED] to speak with her father, heard [REDACTED] say she didn't want to go, and watched as Jafet spoke to [REDACTED] then walked away with him, crying. This occurred after she told [REDACTED] the decision to stay or go was one she needed to make. Francis said when Jafet walked off with [REDACTED] her intent was to get her back because she feared Jafet was not going to return her based on his previous actions and statements, and [REDACTED] was only going because she believed she would be in trouble with her father for not going.

The fear for Francis stemmed from an incident which was reported to Jafet's employer on April 18, 2020. Jafet's employer, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, told Jafet it was in his best interest to stay away from Francis and

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her residence when placing him on administrative leave status regarding allegations of violence in which he was the subject. The threats were directed at the individual Francis was having an affair with and the need of the other individual to wear a bullet proof vest. Lieutenant Little called BCSO Deputy Joe Bracey confirming the leave status, and was told it was suggested Jafet not contact Francis. Francis said in a previous incident Jafet took the children turning off their cellphones so she could not locate them; which is believed to have occurred in August 2019. Francis said she was only able to locate them in Osceola County visiting family, by using a tracking system her personal vehicle is equipped with; OnStar. In an unreported incident, Francis said Jafet had entered her residence, sometime in August 2019 and unbeknown to her, and taken [REDACTED] birth certificate. Jafet recorded phone calls with Francis prior to picking up [REDACTED]. During one of those conversations Francis told Jafet she knows he would never harm [REDACTED], although she fears he will not return her. Jafet told Francis, twice, sometimes fears need to be faced, and tried to reassure Francis he would return [REDACTED] as long as she did not try to keep her from him. It is obvious, in his own admission, Jafet was concerned his daughter was being kept from him. The statement combined with the other incidents, established fear in Francis' mind Jafet was capable of carrying out his threat as long as Jafet believed [REDACTED] was being kept from him.

Francis claimed she did not hit, pull, or push Jafet during the walk to Jafet's residence, and did not willingly enter the residence. Francis said she reached for her daughter when Jafet entered the apartment, Jafet reached around with his right hand grabbed her by the hair, pulled her into the apartment, banged her head against the wall while telling her to get out, and held her as she tried to exit the residence. Francis said she used her leg to block the door so Jafet could not shut it. Francis said she told Jafet he was hurting her, she could not breath, and to let her go multiple times. As this was occurred her sister, Franchelis, tried to help her. Francis did have her firearm, concealed about her person, when this incident took place but did not use it, threaten to use it, and its presence was not mentioned by Jafet.

Francis later said she believed the code to Jafet's door had been changed approximately a month ago; however, code 0729, worked the Sunday prior to this incident. Francis said she knew the code worked because she entered the code into the electronic lock at Jafet's apartment. Francis entered the code because she was going to enter the apartment to get her purple rifle, then decided not too because she did not want to cause problems between her and Jafet. Francis said Jafet had not invited her over, or told her she go on her own to get it.

### Interview of Franchelis Rodriguez

Sergeant Werring interviewed Francis's sister, Franchelis Rodriguez. Franchelis said she was visiting from Georgia, and this incident started with her niece wanting to stay with Francis because she was visiting. Franchelis said Jafet showed up at Francis's residence to pick up [REDACTED] but she did not want to go. Franchelis said she and Francis followed Jafet, and [REDACTED] to his apartment. When entering the apartment Jafet pushed [REDACTED] in, and pulled Francis inside the door. Jafet started choking Francis while she took video of the incident. Franchelis said she tried to get Francis, and was hitting Jafet, but was only able to use one arm because Jafet closed the door. Franchelis said she called the police for help. Franchelis showed Sergeant Werring three video clips of Jafet and Francis inside the apartment near the front door.

### Interview of Dale Wineinger

Corporal Watson interviewed the neighbor Dale D. Wineinger. Dale said he was inside his apartment and he heard a loud female voice outside. He said he did not recognize the female who was yelling, but said she looked just like "his ex" (meaning Jafet's wife, Francis), and pointed in the direction of Francis's apartment. Dale said the female was

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pushing on the door trying to get into the apartment and heard voices on both sides of the door. Dale said he did not see anyone push or shove anyone else and began to describe a previous physical incident between Jafet and Francis. Dale thought he recorded the incident, but realized afterward he had not pressed the record button.

### Interview of [REDACTED]

Corporal Watson interview [REDACTED] said she was at her mother's house, and wanted to stay there to visit with her aunt, Franchelis. [REDACTED] said she told her father she did not want go visit with him because she wanted to visit with Franchelis. While speaking with her father, outside her mother's apartment, her father pulled her away and began walking with her to his apartment as he told her to keep going, and as her mother was trying to grab her. [REDACTED] said she told her mother, while walking, she would stay with her father. Upon reaching the doorway of her father's apartment he opened the door, and while she was inside the doorway her mother and aunt tried to get into the apartment, with her mother finally entering the apartment. [REDACTED] watched as her father grabbed her mother, demonstrating the holds her father had used on her mother during the incident with a pillow. [REDACTED] told Corporal Watson her mother was trying to get out, her mother requested to be let go and didn't want to go to jail, and her father refused those requests. [REDACTED] said the door was slightly ajar, and her aunt tried to hit her father.

[REDACTED] said her father told her to go into the bedroom and watch television. She did but returned to the doorway because she could not get the television to work. Upon her return the position of her mother and father had changed. [REDACTED] said her mother's head was lower (bent at the waist) and stated her father was pulling her mother's hair. [REDACTED] said her mother was bent over and not doing anything with her hands because her father was holding her mother's hands behind her back, as her aunt continued yelling, banging on the door, and trying to hit her father. [REDACTED] said she was very scared, only leaving her mother's house because she wasn't allowed to stay. [REDACTED] said she was not physically forced to leave her mother's residence. [REDACTED] stated during the incident, her father accidentally hit her on the head while getting his cellphone from his pocket, and he apologized for doing so.

[REDACTED] spoke of a separate incident she witnessed involving a physical altercation between her mother and father; which was also reported by her father, and mother at a later date.

### Digital Recording Device

Jafet recorded his phone conversations with Francis, and the above incident with a hand-held recording device which was downloaded to Evidence.com by Corporal Watson. The audio recordings consist of his conversations with his daughter regarding visitation, conversations with Francis regarding visitation and his concern about [REDACTED] being kept from him with a comment directed at her fears, and his requests to receive communication by text. The audio recordings of this incident at Jafet's are at times clearer than those video recordings on cellphones owned by Jafet, Francis, and Franchelis. Refer to the audio recordings submitted.

### Cellphone video footage

Jafet, Francis, and Franchelis recorded portions of this incident by use of their cell phones. The videos were downloaded to Evidence.com by Jafet, Francis, and Franchelis who were provided download links. Images within the videos do not provide a clear picture of who started the physical altercation between Jafet and Francis, but it is obvious some type of altercation occurred. Videos do provide a visual of Francis being held by Jafet specifically in those recordings submitted by Jafet and Franchelis. The audio incidents at Jafet's are at times clearer than those recordings on the handheld recorder owned by Jafet. The verbiage within these recordings is at times hard to hear; however, comments referenced above can be heard by all those involved, and specifically related to the chain of events that

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occurs at Jafet's apartment. The video recording at times are hard to see. Refer to the video's recordings submitted.

### Text Messages

Lieutenant Little took several pictures of text messages, pertaining to this incident, from Jafet's cellphone. The text messages consisted of verbiage directed at the visitation of his daughter, picking his daughter up at 1930 hours, and a message regarding Francis's purple rifle. Text messages further indicate that Jafet had requested future conversations be via text only, and mentions problems caused by her affair. Text messages submitted by Francis were of the same nature, with one text telling Jafet not to show up at her residence, and were submitted by Francis via a link to the Evidence.com server provided to Francis by Corporal Watson. The text messages submitted by both were of the same conversation; those sent and received.

### Follow up Interview with Jafet

On April 22, 2020 Lieutenant Little called Jafet in an effort to meet with him voluntarily for follow up interviews. Jafet agreed; however, shortly thereafter Lieutenant Little spoke to Jafet's union representative, and his defense attorney who stated he would not make a statement. Lieutenant Little was told by Jafet's attorney he had a bite mark to the right arm as a result of the incident. Lieutenant Little told the attorney he did not remember Jafet mentioning anything about a bite mark, and did not remember seeing one on his arm. Lieutenant Little told Jafet's attorney he did not obtain the pictures of the previous incident where Jafet received a bite on the chest by Francis

Francis did meet with Lieutenant Little at her residence. Francis spoke of her fears, re-enacted the incident resulting in this investigation, spoke of the previous incident regarding a physical confrontation between she and Jafet, and mentioned using code, [REDACTED] as one that worked on Jafet's lock the Sunday prior to this incident taking place.

### Crime Scene

Lieutenant Little saw a silver necklace, a heart shaped silver charm separated from the necklace, a pair of glasses, and a white item that appeared to be part of an electronic device on the floor within the threshold of Jafet's apartment. Jafet's left arm appeared to be red, and Francis had several marks on her body to include her right side, right rear shoulder area, and right leg.

Corporal Watson photographed the entry way of Jafet's residence. Corporal Watson collected the items returning the necklace, charm, and glasses to Francis. The other item was claimed by Jafet. Corporal Watson photographed Detective Santiago's injuries noting the injury on her right side seemed to be consistent with pressure being applied against hard plastic/metal portions of her concealed firearm. Corporal Watson noted scratches/red marks on her right leg, neck, shoulders, and left arm. Corporal Watson submitted all photographs into evidence via evidence.com, as well as recordings from Jafet's digital recorder per Lieutenant Little's request. Body cameras worn by those at the scene of the incident were also submitted to evidence.com.

Officer D. Givens photographed Jafet and his injuries. These images were then sent to Lieutenant Little who submitted them into evidence.com for Officer Givens because the application on his phone; which is used to submit the photographs, was not working.

### Recommendations

Jafet said Francis committed the offense of occupied burglary with a battery therein; domestic related. Jafet said Francis hit and pulled him during this incident, and video from his cellphone should have captured images of the offenses. The video did not capture the offense of battery, or burglary as explained by Jafet. Jafet also reported his

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sister-in-law, Franchelis, committed the offense of burglary and battery. Jafet's daughter, [REDACTED] stated in her interview with Corporal Watson, her mother entered the apartment while she was standing inside the doorway. With the commotion occurring at the door between her parents, and the distress evident in [REDACTED] voice and actions, it is more likely than not [REDACTED] is describing events that were occurring much faster than she remembers, leading to confusion as to how the events occurred, and what was occurring during those events.

Images within the videos do not provide a clear picture of who started the physical altercation. Jafet can be heard via recording telling Francis to get out of his residence. It is not clear, via the cellphone images from Francis's phone, if she broke the threshold of the doorway prior to the physical altercation beginning on her own. The video submitted by Franchelis showed images of Jafet holding Francis within the threshold of the doorway, around her upper torso, and by her hair. The injuries to Jafet's arm are consistent with being in a physical altercation, however biting was not mentioned as noted by Jafet's attorney. The injuries to Francis's upper torso area, and right leg are consistent with being in a physical altercation.

It has been determined, based on the evidence and information available, Jafet committed the offense of battery domestic violence and child neglect. Jafet went to Francis's residence, after she told him not too, and opposite of what he was requested to do by his employer as part of an internal investigation, to get his daughter who told him several times she did not want to go. Jafet should have documented what he thought was a child custody issue so that it could be dealt with in a legal proceeding. Francis was reacting to the established fear of [REDACTED] not being returned, based on comments and actions by Jafet, and to an avoidable situation [REDACTED] was now involved in. Jafet held onto Francis, regardless of how she entered the residence; which cannot be determined even after reviewing the cellphone videos. Jafet does so for the sole purpose of having Francis arrested for unlawfully entering his home while pushing, hitting, and pulling on him. There is no evidence to suggest either party battered the other prior to the images of Francis being held by Jafet, and having her hair pulled as seen in the videos submitted by Franchelis and Jafet. It is clear via the audio within the videos, Francis appears to be much calmer than Jafet, is heard making a noise very similar to that of being grabbed (gasping) and then telling Jafet she can't breathe. Francis repeatedly asked Jafet to let go of her. Jafet told Francis she hurt him, it is now time for her to hurt, and she is going to jail because this was taken too far. Jafet's actions are excessive as he should have let Francis exit and then filed his complaint through legal channels available to him at the time.

Although [REDACTED] was not physically harmed she was exposed to an act of domestic violence. Francis said her daughter is having problems with what occurred, and a counselor is being sought. Jafet's decision to go to Francis's residence, after Francis tells him not too, begins a chain of events in which [REDACTED] changes her mind so she does not have to witness what is occurring, and in lieu of being in trouble with her father. [REDACTED] pleas are ignored by Jafet as he continues to hold Francis, while Francis can be heard trying to console her.

### Witnesses

1. Sergeant T. Werring
2. Corporal L. Watson
3. Officer D. Givens
4. Dale Wineinger - neighbor to Jafet
5. [REDACTED] niece of Franchelis

### Enclosures

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1. Statement - T. Werring
2. Statement - L. Watson
3. Statement - D. Givens
4. Complaint Affidavit - Jafet
5. Restitution form - Jafet

Case closed with a capias request for Jafet Santiago regarding charges of battery domestic violence and child neglect.

PCIC/NCIC CHECK YES  NO

ARREST NOTICE TO APPEAR  
PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT  
JUVENILE REFERRAL

1. Arrest  
2. Notice to Appear **3**  
3. Arrest Affidavit  
4. Complaint Affidavit  
5. Request for Capias  
6. Juvenile Referral  
Avenue

OBTs Number

Agency ORI Number: FL0051100  
Agency Name: **TITUSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
Agency Report Number: **2020-00027450**

Charge type, check as many as apply:  1 Felony  3 Misdemeanor  5 Ordinance  
 2 Traffic Felony  4 Traffic Misdemeanor  6 Other  
Weapon Seized? Type: **2 (H) Hands/Feet**

Location of Arrest (Include Name of Business): **Titusville** City  
Location of Offense (Business Name, Address): **Titusville** City

Date of Arrest, Time of Arrest, BCSO Date, BCSO Time, Jail Date, Jail Time, Fingerprinted, Identification Only, AFIS, Criminal, By

Date of Offense: **04/19/2020**  
FDLE Number, DOC Number, FBI Number

Name (Last, First, Middle): **Santiago Miranda, Jafet**  
Alias

Race: **M** Sex: **M** Date of Birth, Height, Weight, Eye Color, Hair Color, Complexion, Build

Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Unique Physical Features (Location, Type, Description)  
Indication of Alcohol Influence, Drug Influence

Local Address (Street, Apt Number), (City), (State), (Zip), Phone  
Residence Type: **1 City** 3 Florida, 2 County, 4 Out of State

Permanent Address (Street, Apt Number) or (City), (State), (Zip), Phone  
Parent Contacted:  Y  N

Business Address (Name, Street) or Parent's Name / Address if Juv.: **Brevard County Sheriffs Office**  
**700 S Park AVE Titusville, FL 32780-**  
Phone: **((321)264-5200**  
Occupation: **Public Safety**

Driver's License State/Number: **FL** Social Security Number, INS Number, Place of Birth, Citizenship

Co-Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle), Race, Sex, Date of Birth or Age  
 1 Arrested  3 Felony  
 2 At Large  4 Misdemeanor

Co-Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle), Race, Sex, Date of Birth or Age  
 1 Arrested  3 Felony  
 2 At Large  4 Misdemeanor

Activity: S Sell, R Smuggle, K Dispense/Distribute, N N/A, B Buy, D Deliver, M Manufacture/Produce/Cultivate, T Possess, T Traffic, E Use, Z Other  
Type: N N/A, B Babbitrate, C Cocaine, H Hallucinogen, M Marijuana, O Opium/Deriv, A Amphetamine, E Heroin, P Paraphernalia/Equipment, S Synthetic, U Unknown, Z Other

Charge Description: **BATTERY / DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**  
Counts: **1**  P.S.  Ord. Statute Violation Number: **784.03**  
Violation of Section (ORD)

Activity, Drug Type, Amount/Unit, Bond Amount, Court Number  
 PC  Capias  AC  BW  FW  PW  Juv. PU  Citation  
Date Issued,  Writ. Att.  Domestic Viol. Inj.  Order of Arrest

Charge Description: **CHILD NEGLECT**  
Counts: **1**  P.S.  Ord. Statute Violation Number: **827.03(3)(a)**  
Violation of Section (ORD)

Activity, Drug Type, Amount/Unit, Bond Amount, Court Number  
 PC  Capias  AC  BW  FW  PW  Juv. PU  Citation  
Date Issued,  Writ. Att.  Domestic Viol. Inj.  Order of Arrest

The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named Defendant committed the following violation of law.  
On the **19** day of **April, 2020** at **1938**  A.M.  P.M. (Specifically include facts constituting cause for arrest)

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Mandatory Appearance In Court  
Location (Court, Room Number, Address)  
Time: Month, Day, Year, Time  A.M.  P.M.

I agree to appear at the time and place designated to answer the offense charged or to pay the fine subscribed. I understand that should I willfully fail to appear before the court as required by this notice to appear, that I may be held in contempt of court and a warrant for my arrest or a take into custody order shall be issued.

Signature of Defendant/Juvenile, Signature of Juv. Parent/Custodian, Released to: (Name), Date, Time

Miranda Warning, Hold for Other Agency Name, Verified By, Date, Bonding Agency

Bond #, Amount

Bond #, Amount

Returnable Court Date, Returnable Court Time  A.M.  P.M.

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ID No./Dist: **106**  
Name (Printed): **Michael Little**  
Notary/Law Enforcement Officer in Performance of Office Duties  
Personally Known  ID Produced

**AGENCY NAME: TITUSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**2020-00027450**

(Last, First, Middle) **Santiago Miranda, Jafet,**  
DEFENDANT/JUVENILE:

OBTS NO.

Charge Description			Counts	<input type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.	Statute Violation Number	Violation of Section (ORD)
Activity	Drug Type	Amount/Unit	Bond Amount	Court Number		
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Jafet Santiago actually and intentionally held Francis Santiago against her will causing bodily injury to Francis. The injuries were located about her upper torso, neck, and right leg. There is video footage which shows Jafet holding Francis, and Francis at one point can be heard telling Jafet she could not breathe. Jafet and Francis, although separated at the time of this offense, are married, have a child in common, and did at one time live within the same dwelling.

Jafet ignored his daughters, [REDACTED] pleas to let her mother, Francis, go as he continued to pull Francis's hair and hold her in various positions against her will. [REDACTED] recorded some of the incident on Francis's cellphone phone after picking it up from the floor of her fathers apartment. In the video [REDACTED] who was emotionally distraught, can be heard crying and telling her father to let her mother go. Francis later stated [REDACTED] needs counseling as a result of this incident, and other unreported incidents which preceded this one.

Officer's Signature 	Officer's Name PRINTED <b>Little, Michael</b>
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# TITUSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CASE REPORT  
1100 JOHN GLENN BLVD  
TITUSVILLE, FL 32780

CASE# 2020-00027450

## ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS

<b>SUBJECT</b>	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)				
	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Witness</b>	<b>WINEINGER, DALE Duane</b>			
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	<b>03/31/1957</b>		[REDACTED]			
	RACE	SEX	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE	HAIR	EYE
	<b>White</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>5'10</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>Brown</b>	<b>Brown</b>
	DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE	PHONE #2	PHONE #3		
	[REDACTED]	<b>(321)508-0353</b>				

<b>SUBJECT</b>	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)				
	<b>Juvenile</b>	<b>Witness</b>	[REDACTED]			
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)			
	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]			
	RACE	SEX	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE	HAIR	EYE
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE	PHONE #2	PHONE #3		
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		

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REPORTING OFFICER	DATE	REVIEWED BY
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**NARRATIVE**

**Supplement Narrative**

On April 19, 2020, I, Corporal Lauren Watson #160, responded to [REDACTED] in reference to a domestic disturbance. Upon my arrival, I contacted Sergeant Tim Werring # 148, Lieutenant Josh Little #106, and members of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. I was advised the domestic disturbance involved Titusville Police Department Detective Frances Santiago and Brevard County Sheriff's Office Deputy Jafett Santiago. As Lt. Little #106 was trying to brief all parties in regards to his observations once he arrived on scene a neighbor of Deputy J. Santiago interrupted multiple times, interjecting his opinion and attempting to share what he witnessed. After the short briefing, I proceeded to speak with the neighbor.

**INTERVIEW WITH NEIGHBOR OF DEPUTY J. SANTIAGO:**

The neighbor identified himself as Dale D. Wineinger (DOB 03/31/1957), address of 5260 Watermill Lane apartment [REDACTED] (his identity was confirmed through D.A.V.I.D). Dale said he was inside his apartment and heard a loud female voice outside. He said he did not recognize the female who was yelling, but said she looked just like "his ex" (meaning Deputy J. Santiago and Detective F. Santiago) and he pointed in the direction of Detective F. Santiago's apartment (it should be noted Detective F. Santiago's sister is visiting from out of state). Dale said when he heard the voices accelerating he went outside to investigate what was going on. He said a relative was pushing on the door trying to get into the apartment of Deputy J. Santiago and heard voices on both sides of the door. He said after the fact, he saw the detective come out. I asked him if he saw anything that happened inside the apartment and he said no. I asked after the detective comes out what he saw. He said he said more shoving, pushing, and yelling. I asked Dale who was shoving and pushing and he said the lady (maybe a sister) but only trying to push her way in to the apartment. I clarified with Dale, he did not see any person push or shove any other person and he said, "on this occasion, I did not see it." I asked him again what happened after the detective exited the apartment. He answered with, "They were going at it for a while so [REDACTED] called 911. They were still going at it when you guys got here." I asked Dale if at any point, did he walk over to Deputy J. Santiago's apartment and said, "No, I did step out and pulled out my phone to video." He said he did not push the correct button and did not record any video. I asked Dale if at any point he said anything or engaged anyone involved and he said no. I asked Dale if he pointed his pepper spray at anyone and he said no (there was a black can of pepper spray on the counter in front of Dale while he talked). I asked Dale if he had the pepper spray out while he was videoing, he said he had his 9mm (holstered) and his pepper spray.

Dale said on February 16, 2020 at approximately 1330 hours, he was sitting on his couch and heard voices and he looked outside (he directed me to his patio area which faces the parking lot). He said he saw "her go at him". I asked him to clarify and he said "she goes at him and they are... he grabs her." I asked him how she went at him and he said "extremely aggressive, I am still disturbed, she was on top of him. He grabs her and simply rolls her around, pushes her off, jumps into his car, and locks the door." Dale said, "she started banging on the window, yelling open the door." Dale said,

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"The high heels and the AR-15 just doesn't go together when your attacking a deputy." I asked Dale if she had her AR-15 during the incident with the vehicle. He said no. He doesn't like that she parks close to his apartment and walks by his apartment carrying her firearm (upon returning home from duty). Dale said he has heard her having other altercations with other males. I swore Dale to his statement.

After my interview the neighbor Dale, I responded to Deputy J. Santiago's apartment #105 to interview [REDACTED] the daughter of Deputy J. Santiago and Detective F. Santiago. I entered the apartment and requested Deputy J. Santiago's permission to interview [REDACTED] he agreed. I asked to speak to her alone in a bedroom, he agreed.

### INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and I sat on the edge of the bed in the bedroom. I asked her what her full name and date of birth, [REDACTED]. We spoke briefly about school and cheerleading. I qualified [REDACTED] by asking her if she knew the difference between a truth and a lie and she said she did. I asked her would it be a truth or a lie if I said her shirt was bright yellow and she said a lie because her shirt was blue. I asked [REDACTED] would it be a truth or a lie if I said the walls were white and she said truth.

[REDACTED] said she was at her mom's (Detective F. Santiago) residence with her aunt from out of town. She said she wanted to stay at her mom's house for one more day to spend time with her aunt and come to her dad's (Deputy J. Santiago) the day after. She said her dad wanted her to come to his house and not stay with her mom because it was his scheduled time with her. She said they were walking over to her dad's house, her mom told her it was okay, she can stay at her mom's house instead. Her dad pulled her mom away and started walking to the dad's house. She said her mom followed them telling her it was ok she will get everything and [REDACTED] can go back to her house. She said her dad told her to go to his house and she walked to his house. [REDACTED] said she was really nervous and didn't know what to do. [REDACTED] said she came back out (meaning as they were in the front door area) and told her mom, "it's ok, don't do anything. Let him do what he needs to do and stuff." She said she saw her aunt trying to hit her dad, telling him to let go of her mom, and hitting her dad. [REDACTED] said she went out and asked for his phone to watch YouTube and he told her to go back in to the room (numerous time). She said he saw her dad pulling her moms hair and she started crying and screaming. She said her mom told her dad to let go and he started pulling harder and [REDACTED] called 911 and the police came.

I asked [REDACTED] if this was a day that she would normally go with her dad. She shook her head yes. I asked if she was wanting to stay at home to spend time with her aunt and she said yes. I asked [REDACTED] once her dad told her, she was not staying with her mom and was coming with him, did she walk out of the house and over to his house. She said her dad told her to keep going, and he was trying to keep her mom and aunt away from her.

I asked [REDACTED] if she could stand up and show me how the events took place. She showed me that her mom and aunt were inside her mom's house and she and her dad were outside. She said her dad asked her if she was ready to go and she said yes. She said while they were in the hallway walking, her dad was trying to keep them (her mom and aunt) away from her. [REDACTED] said her mom told her aunt, "to go get me" because she wanted to stay with her mom.

When her mom and aunt started coming to get her she and her dad had already started walking away towards his house. I asked her to show me how she and her dad were walking. She said, "you are trying to cover me from them" (I am playing the role of Deputy J. Santiago as she is acting and describing the events). [REDACTED] said, her dad was covering her with his arms out and curved around her and he told her to keep going. She said he started moving faster so they could get inside the door of his house. [REDACTED] said, once they reached the hallway of his building, she told her mom and aunt that it was okay she would stay at his house. She said they kept following into the door and they started fighting. I asked her how far behind her and her dad was her mom when they got to the other building she stepped behind me approximately 1 foot showing the distance. I asked [REDACTED] if she looked back as they were

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walking over to dad's house. She said she looked back a little and saw them trying to push his arm down to get her and bring her back to her mom's house.

██████████ said she and her dad made it inside the doorway. She was standing approximately 2-3 feet inside the doorway and her dad was next to her. She said, "my mom and aunt tried to get in, and my mom gets in like half way at first and then gets in fully. And my dad tried to strangle her or something." I asked her to show me what she meant by using a pillow. She held the pillow (her mom) and told me the part she was holding was her mom's neck. She wrapped both arms around the pillow (neck) and squeezed. She said her mom said, stop and he moved his arms lower. She said, "he was not trying to strangle her that hard but it was just so that she wouldn't get out." I asked her if they were all the way in the house or in the doorway she said they (mom and dad) were in the doorway and her aunt was outside the door (the door was open just a little). ██████████ said she was right inside the door and could see the incident. I asked her what her mom was doing she said her mom was yelling, "let me go, let me go. I don't want to go to jail and I don't know what you are doing to me, I didn't do anything wrong." She said her dad was telling her mom, "your going to jail, your going to jail. You know what you have done to me." I asked her where her aunt was while the rest was taking place, she said her aunt was still outside. The door was a little bit open and her aunt was trying to hit her dad.

██████████ said her dad told her to go into the bedroom and watch television. She did but came back out. When she walked back out she heard her dad tell her mom she was going to jail. The position of her mom and dad had changed, she showed me her mom's head was lower (bent at the waist) and he was pulling her hair. She said her mom was bent over and not doing anything with her hands because he was holding her hands behind her back. She said her aunt was still yelling, banging on the door and trying to hit her dad. ██████████ said she was very scared.

I asked her if she was forced to come to dad's house or did she come on her own. She said she was forced but not physically but just because she wasn't allowed to stay at her mom's house like she wanted.

██████████ said there was another time she saw her mom and dad put their hands on each other. She said she and her dad were going to see her grandmother. She said her mom was out walking the dog and telling her goodbye. She said everything was fine until they got to the car. She said her mom did not have the keys to get into her apartment and her dad had the keys. Her mom asked her to get the keys from her dad. She said she didn't know what to do and started crying. Her dad told her to get into the car. She said he moved her mom and he moved out of her way so she could get in the car. She said her dad started pushing her mom away. She said she asked to say goodbye to her mom one more time and he wouldn't let her, so ██████████ started banging on the back door/window of the car and screaming and yelling. She said her dad got into the car and locked the doors and her mom started banging on the window. She said her mom called and asked him to come let her into the house. She said he finally went and let her into the house. She said after her dad apologized and told her it was all his fault.

I asked ██████████ if she was hurt or struck during any of the incidents. She said during the incident tonight at her dad's house he hit her in the in the head with his arm when he got his phone out of his pocket. She said he told her sorry and to go back to the bedroom. I swore ██████████ to her statement.

### CRIME SCENE:

I photographed the entry way of Deputy J. Santiago's residence. Inside the door way, I located Detective F. Santiago's glasses, necklace, and charm. I collected those items and returned them to her. I photographed Detective Santiago's injuries. She had red marks on the right side of her torso/rib area. The red marks appeared to be consistent with pressure being applied to the skin as it pressed against the hard plastic/metal of her concealed firearm (still holstered in the photograph). She had scratches/red marks on her right leg, neck, shoulders, and left arm. I submitted all photographs into evidence via Evidence.com. I sent a citizen evidence request through Axon Capture to Detective F. Santiago and her sister for them to be able to submit videos of the incident into evidence via Evidence.com. Detective F.

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Santiago also sent screen shot photographs of a text message conversation between her and Deputy J. Santiago from earlier in the day. I uploaded recordings for Lt. Little from a digital recorder given to him by Deputy J. Santiago.

**WITNESSES:**

Samantha Santiago

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I recommend this supplemental report be added to the original case report.



# TITUSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CASE REPORT  
1100 JOHN GLENN BLVD  
TITUSVILLE, FL 32780

CASE# 2020-00027450

## NARRATIVE

### Supplement Narrative

On Sunday, April 19, 2020 at approximately 1938 hours, the Titusville Police Department received a report of a domestic disturbance in progress. This call was received from a male (alleged victim) and was occurring at his residence located at [REDACTED]. This male was identified as Jafet Santiago [REDACTED] and it was discovered that he was in an altercation with his wife, Frances Santiago [REDACTED]. Lieutenant Michael "Josh" Little was the first officer on scene and separated the two just prior to my arrival.

I arrived on scene and met with these parties just outside of this apartment location. Lt. Little asked me to separate Frances from the scene and obtain a statement. I escorted Frances and her sister, Franchelis Rodriguez (H/F - 6/21/1991), to Frances' apartment which was the building to the west of the incident location. This address is [REDACTED].

I initially spoke to Frances alone outside of her apartment. I asked her what was going on and she proceeded to detail the events that occurred prior to my arrival. She stated that an incident occurred last night that was reported to Lt. Tyler Wright (#107) and the Sheriff's Office. She went on to describe the events of this incident. Today was the day that Jafet and Frances were to have a child exchange of their daughter, [REDACTED] (8 years old). While describing the events, Frances stated that her neck hurts and moved her head in a circle as to ease any discomfort she was feeling. She stated that [REDACTED] did not want to go with Jafet that day because her aunt, Franchelis, was visiting from Georgia. She conversed with Jafet over the phone at approximately 1245 hours that day and "he seemed fine". During this conversation, it was decided that [REDACTED] would go with Jafet later in the day. At around 1800 hours, Frances told [REDACTED] to go get ready because she would be going with Jafet. [REDACTED] told Frances that she did not want to go with Jafet and Frances said that [REDACTED] needed to call Jafet and tell him that. She then referred to earlier in the day concerning the conversation over the phone at 1245 hours and said that Jafet requested she text instead of call him moving forward. Frances texted Jafet and told him that [REDACTED] did not want to go with him because Franchelis was in town visiting. While Frances was explaining this, I noticed a bulge on her right hip area, as if she had something tucked into her pants and under her shirt. She then pulled her shirt up in this area and I saw what appeared to be the slide of a black compact semi-automatic handgun. She adjusted her shirt and continued to explain the events of this incident. Frances had [REDACTED] call Jafet and tell him she didn't want to go. During this phone call, Frances kept the phone on speaker mode so she could listen to what was being said. Frances tried to talk to Jafet and he hung up the phone on her. She then tried to text him and he responded that he was upset and will be at her residence at 1930 hours to get

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Frances responded by saying "please don't come to my house" and explained that she did not want to go with him. Jafet came to Frances' apartment around this time and continued banging on her door. Frances put her phone on record and asked her sister, Franchelis, to come with her to speak with Jafet. Jafet reminded Frances that she said she would never keep [REDACTED] from him. Frances said that she wasn't keeping [REDACTED] from him but that [REDACTED] just doesn't want to go. Jafet requested to speak with Samantha and Frances called her to the door. [REDACTED] told Jafet that she didn't want to go with him. Frances then said she thought that her phone was on record but it wasn't until they were all walking towards Jafet's apartment. Frances said that Jafet grabbed [REDACTED] and placed her in front of him. Jafet wanted an explanation as to why [REDACTED] did not want to go with him. Jafet said that "we have a schedule for a reason" and "you have clothes at my house". Jafet started walking with [REDACTED] towards his apartment and [REDACTED] started screaming. Frances said that she said "Hey, don't do that" then she grabs [REDACTED] hand. Frances then said that Jafet grabs Frances in a head lock and drags her to his apartment. She then corrected herself and said that she followed Jafet over to his apartment and said "don't do that". Frances said that when they were at his apartment she went to grab [REDACTED] and she heard Franchelis say "don't touch him, don't touch him, just call the cops". Frances responded "call the cops" and then said "when she goes in there, we can't do anything". Frances said that at the doorway, Jafet pushed [REDACTED] in the apartment then pulled Frances in the apartment and put her in a headlock while trying to close the door on her. Frances told Jafet "I can't breath, please stop". Frances said that Jafet is hitting her and Franchelis is hitting him. Franchelis is screaming "let go of my sister" at this time. Frances said that her phone was recording the incident at this time. Frances said she heard [REDACTED] screaming and crying while saying that she changed her mind and now wanted to go with Jafet. Jafet then said "you intruded in my house, you have no right to be in my house" and "I'm not going to stop until you go to jail, you hurt me enough and now it's your turn to hurt". Frances was then pleading with Jafet to let her go. I then asked about her hair (which seemed messy) and she responded that Jafet pulled her hair, put her in a choke hold, and almost broke her arm. She then explained that she was in a position of a choke hold until Lt. Little came and separated them. I asked if she had injuries and she showed me an area on her right inner thigh that was red from being pushed between the door. There was also areas of redness around her neck. She said that Jafet didn't punch her but did bang her head up against a wall. Frances then raised her right hand and swore that the statement she provided was the truth.

I then met alone with Franchelis outside the apartment to receive her statement. She admitted to visiting from Georgia. She explained that this incident started with [REDACTED] wanting to stay another day with her mother because Franchelis was visiting. Jafet came to get her at Frances' apartment and [REDACTED] said she didn't want to go. Jafet then started escorting [REDACTED] towards his apartment. Frances and Franchelis followed Jafet and [REDACTED] to his apartment. [REDACTED] went into the apartment and Jafet pulls Frances inside the door. Jafet started choking Frances and Franchelis took video of this. Franchelis said that she began to hit Jafet to attempt and get him off of Frances because she was being choked. She then described that the neighbor (Corporal Watson identified and interviewed this male) across from Jafet started threatening her with pepper spray. Franchelis said that she called the police for help at that time. I asked her to explain the exchange at the doorway. She said that Jafet opened the doorway and pushed [REDACTED] inside the apartment. Frances was trying to grab [REDACTED] and the physical altercation began. Franchelis said that Jafet pulled her inside the apartment and put her in the choke hold. Franchelis was trying to get Frances but Jafet closed the door on her so she was only able to use one arm to try and help Frances. I then asked to see the video she took and she showed me several short few second clips (approximately 3) of Jafet and Frances inside the apartment near the front door. In the first clip, Frances seems to be

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in the doorway with the door closing on her but her upper body and left leg are in the apartment. Jafet is face to face with Frances at this point and he is cradling her head with his right arm. Frances is heard yelling "No [REDACTED] stay right here"! It appears that Frances may be attempting to get to [REDACTED] at this time. [REDACTED] is seen in the video approximately 10 feet inside the apartment at that time. The following clips show Jafet holding Frances in a modified side hold of her neck with his right arm in the doorway of the apartment. Franchelis then rose her right hand and swore she was telling me the truth.

I then made contact with Lt. Little and explained to him what I had learned from these interviews. I told him that the only thing I had left to do in this regard is watch the video that Frances took of the incident. I proceeded back to make contact with Frances and watch her video.

Frances initially showed me a few second video clip which only showed a shot of her front door from the inside of her apartment. The next clip began when Jafet was escorting [REDACTED] to his apartment. Jafet is walking directly behind [REDACTED] and they are walking in together. [REDACTED] can be heard crying/saying "I changed my mind, I want to go". The video is of poor quality and is mostly dark. It can be seen for a brief moment that Frances' right hand is on Jafet's apartment door while it is open (the door opens inwardly). Frances said that he is pulling her inside the apartment but the video does not clearly show that. According to Frances, her phone is thrown to the ground inside the apartment. Jafet can be heard in the background saying "you're going to jail". [REDACTED] can be heard saying "she'll go right now, mommy please stop". There are many voices yelling at this point and it can not be understood easily. Franchelis is heard saying to [REDACTED] "don't go to the room" and [REDACTED] replies "I want to stay here". Frances is heard screaming "get the fuck off me". Eventually, [REDACTED] picks up the phone and points the recording towards her parents. [REDACTED] is seen hold Frances in the modified side choke hold with his right arm as [REDACTED] phone with [REDACTED] to call the police. He identifies himself as [REDACTED] gives his address, and says "10-24" which means officer in need of immediate assistance. The video shows Jafet and Frances in this position until [REDACTED] eventually going into another room in the apartment and turns the video off. I ended my speaking with Frances at this time and provided the information to Lt. Little.

These events summarize my involvement in this case. Forward this supplement report with the original case report created by Lt. Little.





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## NARRATIVE

### Supplement Narrative

On April 19, 2020 at approximately 1938 hours, the Titusville Police Department received a report of a domestic disturbance at [REDACTED]

I responded to the scene after Lieutenant J. Little #106, asked for another officer. I stood by with Little while he interviewed Jafet Santiago. I did not have my department issued body worn camera while on scene due to Little calling for another officer after I had already placed my camera on the charging station at the police department. After Little spoke with Jafet he left me his body camera while I stood by with Jafet until the investigation was complete. I did not ask Jafet investigative questions while I was with him. Jafet and I would engage in conversation not pertaining to this incident. Jafet would complain of intimate relationships Frances Santiago was having with other department members.

I took photographs of Jafet and in the foyer where the incident took place. Jafet had a little redness on his right arm from this incident and complained of pain from his right forearm.

My involvement with this incident was recorded on Lt. Little's body worn camera.

I recommend this supplemental report be attached to the main report in reference to CR 2020-00027450.

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Good Morning,

Below is the disposition of the above case. Let me know if you have any questions.

After reviewing the cameras and sworn statements, the State cannot conclusively determine if the complainant entered the residence prior to the use of physical force. The suspect claims that the complainant unlawfully entered his residence and he was restraining her until law enforcement arrival. There are conflicting statements between the witnesses (child and sister of the complainant) as to whether the entry occurred prior to the use of physical force. Furthermore, the facts do not rise to the level of child neglect as the child did not suffer any injury or show any facts that there was a likelihood of injury. Mental injury requires an expert opinion per statute, which is absent in this case. Even though there is a statement indicating that the child will be sent for therapy, this does not automatically support that there was a mental injury. For the above reasons, the State cannot successfully prosecute this case to the burden of beyond a reasonable doubt.

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