



Brevard County Sheriff's Office
Titusville, Florida

To: Chief Deputy Doug Waller
From: Agent Kyle Williams, Staff Services Unit
Date: April 26, 2019
Re: Administrative Investigation 2019-CI-009
Deputy Jason Roberts #926

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I. Summary:

This investigation was initiated to review the off-duty conduct of Deputy Jason Roberts. On February 17, 2019, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office was notified that Roberts had been injured during a shooting at a hotel in Jacksonville, Florida. The criminal investigation into this incident was subsequently conducted by Detectives from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO), investigative case 2019-121409.

On February 17, 2019, Chief Deputy Doug Waller authorized an Administrative Investigation into the off-duty conduct of Deputy Jason Roberts.

On February 17, 2019, Sergeant Jason Hart along with Agent Joe Bracey and Agent Gary Haas from the Staff Services unit responded to Jacksonville to initiate an Administrative Investigation into the circumstances of the incident. The preliminary investigation conducted that day indicated that Roberts had been intoxicated and had attacked another guest of the hotel. The victim then armed himself with a handgun and shot Roberts in self-defense to stop the alleged unprovoked attack. This incident took place in the hotel room of the victim and all available evidence was supportive of the victim's version of this incident.

Overview of Criminal Investigation:

On February 17, 2019, deputies from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office responded to the Lexington Hotel located at 1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, Florida, in regards to a shots fired and aggravated battery call for service. Upon their arrival at the scene, the deputies made contact with Jason Roberts in the hallway of the hotel where they observed that he had been shot. Roberts was transported to UF Shands Hospital for medical

treatment. [REDACTED] a guest of the hotel, was identified as the shooter in the incident.

JSO Detective R. Campbell (ID #76073) arrived on scene and assumed the role of lead investigator. The investigation determined that there were three principals involved in this incident; Jason Roberts, Kristen Knauss and [REDACTED]. All three principals were guests of the hotel, Roberts and Knauss were staying together in one room and [REDACTED] was staying in a separate room by himself. In the investigative report, Detective Campbell noted that both Roberts and Knauss appeared to be "heavily intoxicated" while [REDACTED] did not appear to be intoxicated. Detective Campbell was able to conduct sworn, audio-recorded interviews with Knauss and [REDACTED] on February 17, 2019. Due to the severity of his injuries, Roberts was not able to be interviewed until February 22, 2019.

During his interview with Detective Campbell, [REDACTED] advised he had met Roberts and Knauss that night and they remained together for the evening drinking and partying. According to [REDACTED], at approximately 4:45 a.m., they (Roberts, Knauss and [REDACTED]) rode the elevator to the fourth floor, which is where their rooms were located. Upon arrival on the fourth floor, he and Knauss went into [REDACTED] room and she immediately went into the bathroom. [REDACTED] realized Roberts was not in the room so he opened the door and called for him down the hallway. Roberts entered the room, became angry that Knauss was in the bathroom and started yelling and kicking the bathroom door. Through his actions, Roberts damaged the hotel bathroom door. [REDACTED] stated he tried to diffuse the situation, but Roberts then punched him with a closed fist, knocking out a tooth from [REDACTED] person. [REDACTED] advised that Knauss exited the bathroom and Roberts pinned her to the floor. *(It should be noted that Roberts and Knauss reside together and are parents of children in common.)*

[REDACTED] advised he again tried to intervene between Roberts and Knauss, but Roberts pushed him back and pinned him down using his arm against [REDACTED] neck. [REDACTED] was unable to get up, but was able to remove his concealed firearm from his pants. Roberts yelled at [REDACTED] that he did not care he had a gun and stated, "I'm going to destroy you." [REDACTED] stated he was in fear for his life and fired one shot. [REDACTED] believing he had struck Roberts, stated Roberts continued to strike him. Still unable to get up and believing Roberts would continue to attack him, he stated he fired his gun twice more. Roberts then got off [REDACTED] and stumbled into the hallway. [REDACTED] stated Knauss then fled the hotel room and [REDACTED] exited the room as well and immediately flagged down hotel security.

As noted in the case report, the physical evidence from the scene corroborated [REDACTED] statement: the broken bathroom door had boot marks on it (Roberts was wearing boots), [REDACTED] had visible injuries to the area of his mouth and was missing a tooth consistent with his version of being attacked. Additionally, the hotel had two functioning security cameras that night, which also corroborated [REDACTED] statement in regards to the events leading up to the attack and shooting. There is no video of the incident, which took place inside [REDACTED] hotel room.

An independent witness in an adjacent hotel room, Maurice Smith provided a statement, which was also supportive of [REDACTED] version of this incident. The witness Smith stated that prior to the shooting, they heard someone yelling, "Shut up, I'm going to kill you, I'm going to end you."

Detective Campbell made contact with Knauss on the day of the incident and in his report he noted that she seemed highly intoxicated. Knauss was able to provide details about the evening leading up to the point of the shooting, however, was unable to provide a consistent statement that reflected the actual events to include the confrontation between Roberts and [REDACTED]. Knauss admitted that she and Roberts had been drinking alcoholic beverages earlier in the night. She confirmed that she and Roberts had met up with [REDACTED] and that the three of them continued to drink throughout the night and hang out together. Knauss did not recall any further details leading up to the shooting. She stated she was in the hotel hallway of the fourth floor when she heard Roberts and [REDACTED] arguing in [REDACTED] room (inconsistent with the victim's statement and the evidence consisting of the damaged bathroom door by Roberts). Knauss version of events claim she heard several gunshots from the hallway and then heard Roberts yell out, "you shot me."

Immediately after the shooting, Knauss fled the hotel on foot and was located approximately four blocks away by first responders, where she transported to Baptist Hospital after claiming an elevated heartbeat.

Roberts agreed to be interviewed for the criminal investigation, this interview took place on February 22, 2019, and was conducted while he was still admitted in the ICU of the hospital. During this interview Roberts stated he was unable to offer any substantive information related to the incident. Roberts stated he was only able to recall minor details relating to a confrontation that he had with a "black male." Roberts stated he had gone to Jacksonville to attend the PBR Rodeo with his fiancé (Knauss) and admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages leading up to the incident, but declined to admit that the drinking affected his memory of the incident.

On March 25, 2019, Detective Campbell concluded that probable cause existed for Jason Roberts' arrest for a charge of **Battery** in violation of **Florida State Statute 784.03**. Mr. [REDACTED] who is a resident of the state of Georgia, advised that he would continue to cooperate with the investigation. At the conclusion of Detective Campbell's investigation, he met with Joseph R. Licandro, Division Chief with the State Attorney's Office for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, where they reviewed the facts of the investigation and concluded that probable cause existed; however, they decided to close the case out without prosecution. I received a copy of the disposition statement from the State Attorney's Office, documented under State Attorney case number #19014882, affirming their decision not to prosecute the alleged violations of state statute. Subsequent to this meeting, Detective Campbell closed the criminal investigation.

Roberts was eventually released from the hospital and subsequently returned to Brevard County to recover from his injuries.

II. Possible Policy Violations

- 400.00 General Professional Responsibilities
- 400.05 Insubordination
- 400.06 Compliance With Law and Regulation
- 400.38 Intoxication On and Off-duty

III. Witness Interviews:

**Ross Torquato
Lieutenant
Canaveral Precinct**

On April 25, 2019, I conducted a sworn, telephone interview with Lieutenant Ross Torquato. During this interview he stated that on April 24, 2019, he had been on duty as the Canaveral Lieutenant. At approximately 9:15 a.m., he received a text message from Roberts asking if he was working. Lieutenant Torquato responded to the text and advised he was at work. At approximately 9:46 a.m., Roberts called Lieutenant Torquato and requested to meet with him at the precinct to turn in a resignation letter. Lieutenant Torquato agreed to meet with him and eventually made contact with Roberts at the Canaveral Precinct. They spoke in Lieutenant Torquato's office and Lieutenant Torquato advised Roberts that he would receive the memo of resignation, however, he was not authorized to accept his resignation. He also provided a direct order to Roberts that he was to be at his scheduled Subject Officer interview the next day (April 25, 2019) at 8:30 a.m. at the BCSO Staff Services Office. Lieutenant Torquato asked Roberts if he understood the order and he said that he did. Lieutenant Torquato advised that Lieutenant Mike Green was also present when the direct order was given. Roberts gathered some personal items from the precinct and then left the precinct.

**Mike Green
Lieutenant
Canaveral Precinct**

On April 25, 2019, I conducted a sworn, telephone interview with Lieutenant Mike Green. During this interview he confirmed the statement provided by Lieutenant Torquato. He stated he had been at the Canaveral Precinct and walked in to Lieutenant Torquato's office while Roberts was present. He remained in the office while Lieutenant Torquato and Roberts spoke. He was present in the office when Lieutenant Torquato gave the order to Roberts to attend his scheduled interview the next day. Lieutenant Green confirmed it was an order and he confirmed that Roberts acknowledged the order and agreed he would be at his scheduled interview.

IV. Other Investigative Efforts:

Requests were made to obtain a copy of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office report of this incident. Agent Joseph Bracey contacted Detective P. Bodine #7467 of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Integrity Unit by telephone requesting a copy of the investigation.

On March 25, 2019, Detective Bodine emailed Agent Bracey a copy of the original offense report.

On April 1, 2019, Detective Bodine emailed Agent Bracey the final investigative report. The report did not include copies of the sworn, audio/video-recorded interviews.

On April 5, 2019, Deputy Ryan Shinault drove to Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and retrieved copies of the sworn, audio/video-recorded interviews.

On April 22, 2019, in an effort to continue the Administrative Investigation, Roberts was contacted by telephone and informed that his Subject Interview was going to be scheduled for either April 24 or April 25, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. at the BCSO Staff Services office. Roberts acknowledged he had no scheduling conflicts for either of those dates. He provided me with the contact information for his Union Representative, International Union of Police, Organizer Bob Walker, to confirm the date and time. I then contacted Organizer Walker by telephone and he agreed to the scheduled date and time of April 25, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. I then sent Roberts the following text message to confirm:

"Hey Jason, if Bob hasn't called you yet, interview will be Thursday at 0830 hours here in Titusville"

Roberts replied to my text, "T4 thanks"

On April 24, 2019, Organizer Walker emailed Major Fischback the following:

Alex,

Per our recent conversations, and after consulting with legal staff, Deputy Roberts will be submitting his formal resignation this morning. We will not be attending the Internal Affairs Investigation tomorrow morning. Thank you for your time and efforts in this matter. They are greatly appreciated!

Major Fischback replied to Walker's email with the following:

Bob,

I appreciate your response. Just covering all of my bases to confirm that Jason Roberts had been given an order to attend the interview and that his intention is to not comply with that order? Alex

On April 24, 2019, Roberts met with Lieutenant Ross Torquato at Canaveral Precinct and provided him with a letter of resignation. Lieutenant Torquato informed Roberts that he would receive the letter of resignation, however, he was not accepting the resignation and ordered Roberts to be at Staff Services for his scheduled interview the next day. Lieutenant Torquato then emailed Commander Linda Moros of the incident who emailed Major Alex Fischback about the interaction.

V. Recommendations:

This series of Professional Standards is to set clear guidelines and a code of conduct for the behavior and actions of all employees and volunteers of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. The Brevard County Sheriff's Office directs that all employees and volunteers representing the Sheriff conduct themselves in an exemplary and professional manner, reflective of the standards set forth by the Sheriff. These identified professional standards represent actions, activities, and standards of behavior expected of employees and volunteers by the Sheriff.

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

400.05 Insubordination

Any employee who deliberately or passively refuses or fails to immediately obey any lawful order or instruction given by a superior officer or supervisor, or who engages in any disrespectful action or language to any superior officer or supervisor, will be guilty of insubordination in violation of this regulation. Employees will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Sheriff.

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.

400.38 Intoxication On and Off Duty

Employees will at no time be intoxicated or under the influence of any substance while on duty. Employees who are off duty will not be intoxicated in public view to the extent it is likely to adversely affect the discipline, good order, or reputation of the Sheriff's Office.

This criminal incident was investigated by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office where it was determined that Jason Roberts was intoxicated and the primary aggressor and that [REDACTED] the victim, was acting in self-defense when he shot Jason Roberts. The facts of the investigation were presented to the State Attorney's Office and the conclusion was reached that probable cause existed, but charges would not be pursued. Upon the completion of the criminal investigation conducted by Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, it was determined that Roberts' actions, were in direct violation of *Florida Statute 784.03 Battery*.

By violating the criminal statute, Roberts is in violation of the established policies and procedures of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. The criminal investigation documented that Roberts was highly intoxicated during the battery and he did not provide a full and complete statement to detectives conducting the criminal investigation.

Jason Roberts was afforded an opportunity by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Staff Services Unit to review and respond to the allegations against him by providing an interview, which was scheduled for April 25, 2019. Roberts was ordered to attend the Subject Officer interview as recently as the day before, April 24, 2019. Roberts willfully and deliberately refused to comply with the lawful orders that were given to him, refusing to attend and provide a compelled statement for his scheduled Subject Officer interview. This refusal to comply with a lawful order is the basis for the Insubordination violation.

Based on my review of the criminal case report completed by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the investigative enclosures and my review of the disposition statement signed by ASA Joseph Licandro, I concur with the reasonable conclusion that Jason Roberts actions were in violation of *Florida State Statute 784.03*. Additionally, the allegation of public intoxication and criminal mischief for the destruction of property as detailed in the same report would place him in violation of the established standards of conduct of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. The Criminal and Administrative Investigations reflected Roberts engaged in conduct that constituted conduct unbecoming an officer, insubordination and other acts that adversely affected the discipline, good order or reputation of the Sheriff's Office or any of its employees. Although ultimately not charged, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office investigation and investigative enclosures to include

sworn statements allege actions constituting violations of statutory elements for Battery, Domestic Violence, Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Mischief.

Based on the facts set forth in this administrative investigation, I recommend the following administrative charges against Deputy Jason Roberts be closed as follows:

Section 400.00 General Professional Responsibilities – “Sustained”

Section 400.05 Insubordination – “Sustained”

Section 400.06 Compliance with Law and Regulation – “Sustained”

Section 400.38 Intoxication On and Off-Duty – “Sustained”

VI. Enclosures

- Authorization for Administrative Investigation Memorandum
- Notice of Administrative Investigation Warning
- Audio CD of Investigative Interviews
- Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office Investigative Report
- Copy of text message to Deputy Roberts
- Copies of emails from Major Fischback, Lieutenant Torquato, Commander Moros and Bob Walker

VII. Oath

I, Agent Kyle Williams, 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 Asst. Williams #741
Agent Kyle Williams #741

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, and this 26th day of April, 2019.

Signature Agent #790
NOTARY PUBLIC/LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
IN PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES



Brevard County Sheriff's Office
Titusville, Florida

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 2019
TO: Deputy Jason Roberts #926
FROM: Sheriff Wayne Ivey
RE: Final Action
Administrative Investigation 2019-CI-009

A TRUE COPY	
TIME <u>2:10</u>	P M.
DATE <u>4-29-19</u>	
BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	
Received By: Jason Roberts	
<u>REFUSED</u>	
Signature of Employee Served	
Served by: <u>Wayne Ivey</u>	
Signature of Agent/Deputy <u>Aylmer #741</u>	

Administrative Investigation **2019-CI-009** is now closed. The final action regarding this matter is the determination of sustained charges and the application of appropriate corrective action. This investigation was initiated over concerns that you failed to adhere to established agency policies, specifically that while off-duty and visiting Jacksonville, Florida, you were intoxicated and physically attacked another guest of a hotel. The victim then armed himself with a handgun and shot you in self-defense to stop the alleged unprovoked attack. This incident took place in the hotel room of the victim and all available evidence collected by the investigating law enforcement agency was supportive of the victim's version. During this incident you failed to provide complete information to the investigating authority and when provided a lawful and reasonable order by a BCSO superior officer/supervisor to attend your Subject Officer interview to provide a compelled statement, you willfully and deliberately refused.

Based on my review of the criminal case report completed by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the investigative enclosures and my review of the disposition statement signed by the Assistant State Attorney, I concur with the reasonable conclusion that your actions were in violation of *Florida State Statute 784.03*. Additionally, the allegation of public intoxication and criminal mischief for the destruction of property as detailed in the same report would place you in violation of the established standards of conduct of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. The Criminal and Administrative Investigations specifically document you engaged in activities that constituted conduct unbecoming an officer, insubordination and other acts that adversely affected the discipline, good order or reputation of the Sheriff's Office or any of its employees. Although ultimately not criminally charged, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office investigation and investigative

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enclosures to include sworn statements allege actions constituting violations of statutory elements for Battery, Domestic Violence, Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Mischief.

Agent Kyle Williams attempted to provide you with a copy of the completed Administrative Investigation (2019-CI-009) as well as a notice of a Pre-Termination Hearing that had been scheduled in this matter. This service attempt was via personal service on April 26, 2019. Agent Williams has reported that, although someone was clearly in your house, no one would come to the door. A copy of the Administrative Investigation and hearing notice was subsequently electronically (emailed) provided to your Union Representative, International Union of Police Organizer Bob Walker, on this same date. On April 27, 2019, Organizer Bob Walker notified Agent Kyle Williams, via text message, that he would not accept service of the completed Administrative Investigation on your behalf. Organizer Walker was notified of the date, time and location of the Pre-Termination hearing scheduled on your behalf for April 29, 2019, 10:00 a.m., in the Command Conference Room. On April 27, 2019, personal contact was made with you at your residence (front yard) by BCSO Agent Kyle Williams. During this personal interaction, Agent Williams attempted to provide service of the closed Administrative Investigation, which you refused service and acceptance of, stating you were acting on the advice of your representative in refusing to accept such service. Agent Williams personally notified you of the date, time and location of the Pre-Termination Hearing scheduled on your behalf, at which you verbally acknowledged to Agent Williams that you were aware of the date, time and location of the hearing scheduled on your behalf. A text message was directed to you (via your assigned agency cellular telephone) and your representative, Organizer Walker on April 27, 2019, by Agent Williams, wherein you both were again notified of the date, time and location of the Pre-Termination Hearing scheduled on your behalf.

On April 29, 2019, both you and your representative, International Union of Police Organizer Walker declined to attend the Pre-Termination hearing scheduled on your behalf relating to closed Administrative Investigation **2019-CI-009**.

Based on a review of the facts of this matter, your deliberate refusal to cooperate with and provide a compelled interview regarding your conduct, and in consideration of the hearing afforded to you on April 29, 2019, which you chose not to attend, I am sustaining the following violations of Brevard County Sheriff's Office Policies and Procedure: ***Section 400.00 General Professional Responsibilities, Section 400.05 Insubordination, Section 400.06 Compliance with Law and Regulation and Section 400.38 Intoxication On and Off-Duty.***

A review of your performance record demonstrates a clear, documented pattern of sub-standard behavior that is not consistent with the expected actions and performance of a Deputy Sheriff where you have operated outside the boundaries of established Brevard County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedures to include the following:

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1. 400.04 (B), Substandard Performance, **Written Counseling** 12/18/2018
2. 400.00 General Professional Responsibilities, 400.38 Intoxication On and Off Duty, **Letter of Reprimand** 10/02/2018
3. 500.47 Vehicle Apprehension, 500.46 Vehicle Operations, **Letter of Reprimand** 09/20/2018
4. 400.04 (B) Substandard Performance, 500.15 Field Reporting Procedures, **Written Counseling** 05/09/2017
5. 400.04 (B) Substandard Performance, **Written Counseling** 04/20/2015
6. 500.76 Response to Resistance, **Written Counseling** 08/04/2014
7. 200.15 Loss Control, **Written Counseling** 11/15/2013
8. 200.15 Loss Control, **Letter of Reprimand** 04/08/2013
9. 400.04 (B) Substandard Performance, **Written Counseling** 10/06/2012

The continuing need for your personal conduct reviews, supervisory interventions and corrective actions have created a significant concern as to your professional reliability and personal integrity. I want to remind you that any actions you take while employed as a Deputy Sheriff, both on and off duty, reflects on our agency and by conducting yourself in such a manner, you have tarnished the reputation of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

Based on my review of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office criminal investigation **2019-121409**, Administrative Investigation **2019-CI-009**, your insubordination by deliberately refusing to obey a lawful order personally given by a superior officer / supervisor, and your repeated failure to adhere to established Brevard County Sheriff's Office policies and procedures; I am terminating your employment with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. This action will be effective upon service of this memo by competent authority.

You are authorized to return all assigned Brevard County Sheriff's Office property to Major Alex Fischback or his designee within 48 hours of service of this action.

As provided by the Civil Service Act, Chapter 83-373, Laws of Florida, you may appeal this disciplinary decision to the Civil Service Board. As provided for in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Coastal Florida Police Benevolent Association and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, you may file a disciplinary grievance to this disciplinary action. You may only choose one process. To appeal or grieve this action, you must file a petition for review within ten days of receipt of this memorandum. The petition for review shall be filed by United States mail, registered, return receipt requested, or in person with H.R. Manager Lisa Gillis, Personnel, and 700 Park Avenue, Titusville, FL 32780. A copy of any petition should also be directed to the attention of Chief Deputy Douglas Waller.

cc: Chief Deputy Douglas Waller
Commander Linda Moros
HR Manager Lisa Gillis
CFO Greg Pelham
Investigative File 2019-CI-009



2019-0121409-02

Route To

Groups:
People:

Incident Information

Incident Location

1515 PRUDENTIAL DR # 464

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

Sub-sector: G1 TAZ: 378

Location Type: HOTEL / MOTEL

School Name:

School Number:

Incident Occurred: Inside Location Incident Occurred In the Parking Lot at this Location?: NO

Day/Date/Time Reported: Sunday, 02/17/2019 04:45

Day/Date/Time Incident From: Sunday, 02/17/2019 04:40 To: Sunday, 02/17/2019 04:45

Is this a Corrections Information Report?: NO

Miscellaneous

Drug Activity: NOT APPLICABLE

Drug Type: NOT APPLICABLE

of Offenses: 3

Alcohol Related: BOTH USING ALCOHOL

Drug Related: UNKNOWN (OR N/A)

of Victims: 3

MCI Case: NO

Follow-up By:

of Suspects: 2

Was Hate Crime Involved?: NO

Dating Violence Involved?: NO

Is Offense(s) Related to Domestic Violence?: NO

If not Domestic Violence, Is it Domestic Related?: NO

Any Children under 18 Involved as a Victim?: NO

Offense(s)

#1 Statute #: 784.045(1)(A)2

Degree: F2

UCR Code: 130A Attempt Code: Committed

AGGRAVATED BATTERY - WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

#2 Statute #: 784.03(1)(A)2

Degree: M1

UCR Code: 130B Attempt Code: Committed

BATTERY - CAUSE BODILY HARM

#3 Statute #: 806.13(1)(B)1

Degree: M2

UCR Code: 2900 Attempt Code: Committed

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (\$200 OR LESS)

Victim #1

Demographics

Contact Information

Ext.:

Alt. Phone #:

Primary Identification

Issuing State:

Alternate Address

Employment/School

Employer:

Occupation:

Attends School:

Alternate Contact Information

Home Phone #:

Bus. Phone #:

Ext.:

Cell Phone #:

Cell Phone Provider:

Email Address:

Other Information

Residence Type: OUT OF STATE Residence Status: NON-RESIDENT

Drugs Involved?: NO Alcohol Involved?: YES Mode of Travel: FOOT

Victim Type: ADULT Injury Extent: MINOR Injury Type: LOSS OF TEETH

Hospital Victim Taken To: NOT APPLICABLE Sexual Battery Type:

Incident (Offense) 2019-0121409-02 (Continued)

Weapon(s) Involved

Weapon(s): **PERSONAL WEAPONS (HANDS/ FIST/ FEET/TEETH/ETC.)**

Victim Relationship to Offender(s):

Relationship: **NOT APPLICABLE** To: **Suspect (02)** [REDACTED]

Relationship: **ACQUAINTANCE** To: **Suspect (01) - ROBERTS, JASON ALLEN**

Related Offenses

#02: 784.03(1)(A)2 - BATTERY - CAUSE BODILY HARM

Victim #2 - ROBERTS, JASON ALLEN

Demographics

Race: **WHITE** Sex: **MALE** Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Ethnicity: **NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN** Sub Ethnicity: **NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN**
Primary Language: **English** Secondary Language: **NOT APPLICABLE**
Age: **38** Height (inches): **5'09"** Weight (lbs): **230**
Hair Style: **LOW** Hair Color: **BROWN** Hair Length: **SHORT**
Build: **STOCKY** Eye Color: **BROWN** Facial Hair: **BEARD**
Complexion: **TANNED** Voice: **NORMAL**
Clothing/Description:

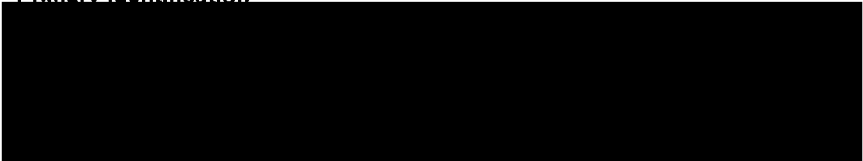
Disability, Mental, Physical and Medical Information

Physical Descriptor	Descriptor Detail	Description
NOT APPLICABLE	NONE / (NOT APPLICABLE)	

Contact Information

Home Phone #: [REDACTED] Bus. Phone #: [REDACTED] Ext.: [REDACTED] Alt. Phone #: [REDACTED]
Cell Phone #: [REDACTED] Cell Phone Provider: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]

Primary Identification



Issuing State: **FLORIDA**
Alternate Address

Employment/School

Employer: **BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE** Occupation: **POLICE OFFICER**

Attends School:

Employer Address

**700 PARK AVE S
TITUSVILLE, FL 32780**

Sub-sector: **OJ TAZ:**

Alternate Contact Information

Home Phone #: [REDACTED] Bus. Phone #: [REDACTED] Ext.: [REDACTED]
Cell Phone #: [REDACTED] Cell Phone Provider: [REDACTED]
Email Address: [REDACTED]

Other Information

Residence Type: **FLORIDA** Residence Status: **RESIDENT**
Drugs Involved?: **NO** Alcohol Involved?: **YES** Mode of Travel: **FOOT**
Victim Type: **ADULT** Injury Extent: **SERIOUS** Injury Type: **GUNSHOT**
Hospital Victim Taken To: **UF HEALTH** Sexual Battery Type:

Weapon(s) Involved

Weapon(s): **HANDGUN (DISCHARGED)**

Victim Relationship to Offender(s):

Relationship: **ACQUAINTANCE** To: **Suspect (02)** [REDACTED]

Relationship: **NOT APPLICABLE** To: **Suspect (01) - ROBERTS, JASON ALLEN**

Related Offenses

#01: 784.045(1)(A)2 - AGGRAVATED BATTERY - WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Victim #3 - LEXINGTON HOTEL

Bus. Contact Name: **WILLIE PARKER** Bus. Contact Phone #: **(904) 396-5100** Ext.:

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Physical Address

1515 PRUDENTIAL DR # 464
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207
Sub-sector: G1 TAZ: 378

Mailing Address

1515 PRUDENTIAL DR # 464
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207
Sub-sector: G1 TAZ: 378

Alternate Contact Information

Home Phone #: Bus. Phone #: Ext.:
Cell Phone #: Cell Phone Provider:
Email Address:

Victim Relationship to Offender(s):

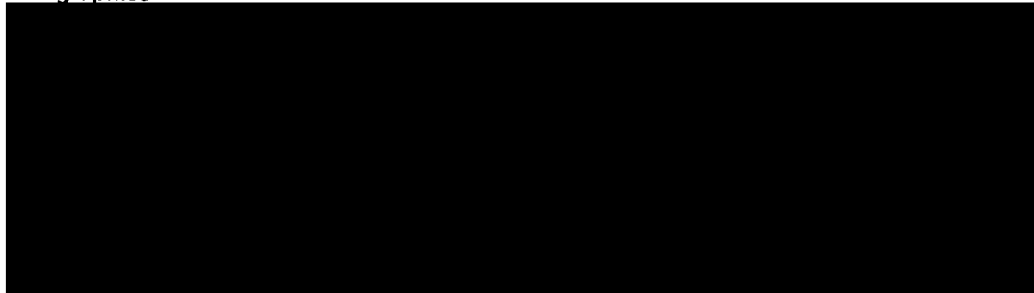
Relationship: CUSTOMER To: Suspect (02) - [REDACTED]
Relationship: CUSTOMER To: Suspect (01) - ROBERTS, JASON ALLEN

Related Offenses

#03: 806.13(1)(B)1 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (\$200 OR LESS)

Suspect #1 - ROBERTS, JASON ALLEN

Demographics



Distinguishing Marks (Scars, Marks, and Tattoos)

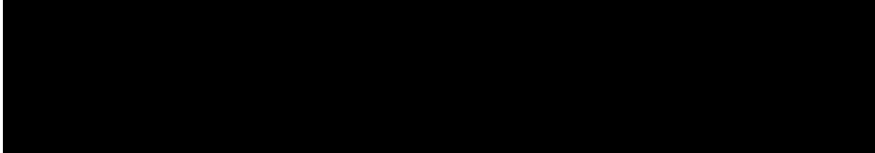
Disability, Mental, Physical and Medical Information

Physical Descriptor	Descriptor Detail	Description
NOT APPLICABLE	NONE / (NOT APPLICABLE)	

Contact Information

[REDACTED] Bus. Phone #: Ext.: Alt. Phone #:
Cell Phone Provider:

Primary Identification



Issuing State: FLORIDA
Alternate Address

Employment/School

Employer: BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Occupation: POLICE OFFICER

Attends School:

Employer Address
700 PARK AVE S
TITUSVILLE, FL 32780
Sub-sector: OJ TAZ:

CEW (Conducted Electric Weapon)

ECD Usage: NOT APPLICABLE
RTR Written Related to This Incident?: NO RTR Incident Year: RTR Incident #:

Other Information

SHO Status: ID Section Confirmation, By ID #:
Drugs Involved?: UNKNOWN Alcohol Involved?: YES Mode of Travel: FOOT Juvenile?: NO Confessed?: NO
Arrested?: At Large Were Miranda Rights Given?: YES Jail # Type: NA Jail Booking #:

Related Offenses

#02: 784.03(1)(A)2 - BATTERY - CAUSE BODILY HARM
#03: 806.13(1)(B)1 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (\$200 OR LESS)

Suspect #2 - [REDACTED]

Demographics

[REDACTED]

Aliases:

Distinguishing Marks (Scars, Marks, and Tattoos)

Contact Information

[REDACTED]

Ext.:

Alt. Phone #:

Primary Identification

[REDACTED]

Employment/School

Employer:

Occupation: ENGINEER

Attends School:

CEW (Conducted Electric Weapon)

ECD Usage: NOT APPLICABLE

RTR Written Related to This Incident?: NO

RTR Incident Year:

RTR Incident #:

Other Information

SHO Status:

ID Section Confirmation, By ID #:

Drugs Involved?: UNKNOWN Alcohol Involved?: YES Mode of Travel: FOOT Juvenile?: NO Confessed?: YES

Arrested?: At Large Were Miranda Rights Given?: YES Jail # Type: NA Jail Booking #:

Related Offenses

#01: 784.045(1)(A)2 - AGGRAVATED BATTERY - WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

Witness/Complainant #1 - KNAUSS, KRISTEN

Type: WITNESS

Demographics

[REDACTED]

Age: 33

Contact Information

[REDACTED]

Alt. Phone #:

Home Address

Mailing Address

[REDACTED]

Employment/School

Employer: UNKNOWN

Occupation:

Attends School:

Witness/Complainant Relationship to Victim(s):

Relationship: CUSTOMER To: Victim (03) - LEXINGTON HOTEL

Relationship: COMMON-LAW SPOUSE To: Victim (02) - ROBERTS, JASON ALLEN

Relationship: ACQUAINTANCE To: Victim (01) [REDACTED]

Witness/Complainant Relationship to Offender(s):

Relationship: ACQUAINTANCE To: Suspect (02) [REDACTED]

Relationship: COMMON-LAW SPOUSE To: Suspect (01) - ROBERTS, JASON ALLEN

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Property #1 - CELL PHONE

Quantity: 1 Status: **SEIZED (NOT STOLEN)**

Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**

Manufacturer: **SAMSUNG**

Model: **SM-G925P**

Serial Number: **256691546104747872**

Color: **BLACK**

Weight: Unit of Measure:

Description:

Value Stolen or Damaged:

Value Recovered: **\$400.00**

Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:

Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO**

Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:

Suspect (02) - [REDACTED]

Received From:

Suspect (02) - [REDACTED]

Property #2 - CLOTHING / FUR

Quantity: 2 Status: **SEIZED (NOT STOLEN)**

Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**

Manufacturer: **NIKE**

Model:

Serial Number:

Color: **WHITE**

Weight: Unit of Measure:

Description: **White Nike Shoes worn b** [REDACTED]

Value Stolen or Damaged:

Value Recovered: **\$75.00**

Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:

Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO**

Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:

Suspect (02) - [REDACTED]

Received From:

Suspect (02) - [REDACTED]

Property #3 - CLOTHING / FUR

Quantity: 1 Status: **SEIZED (NOT STOLEN)**

Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**

Manufacturer:

Model:

Serial Number:

Color: **BLACK**

Weight: Unit of Measure:

Description: **Black belt**

Value Stolen or Damaged:

Value Recovered: **\$10.00**

Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:

Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?:

Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:

Suspect (02) - [REDACTED]

Received From:

Suspect (02) - [REDACTED]

Property #4 - CLOTHING / FUR

Quantity: 1 Status: **SEIZED (NOT STOLEN)**

Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**

Manufacturer:

Model:

Serial Number:

Color: **BROWN**

Weight: Unit of Measure:

Description: **Blue Jeans**

Value Stolen or Damaged:

Value Recovered: **\$40.00**

Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:

Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO**

Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:

Suspect (02) - [REDACTED]

Received From:

Suspect (02) - [REDACTED]

Property #5 - CLOTHING / FUR

Quantity: 1 Status: **SEIZED (NOT STOLEN)**

Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**

Manufacturer:

Model:

Serial Number:

Color: **BLACK**

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Weight: Unit of Measure:
Description: **Shirt with blood**
Value Stolen or Damaged: Value Recovered: Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:
Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO** Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:
Suspect (02) - [REDACTED]
Received From:
Suspect (02) - [REDACTED]

Property #6 - MISCELLANEOUS

Quantity: **3** Status: **SEIZED (NOT STOLEN)**
Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**
Manufacturer: Model:
Serial Number: Color: **WHITE**
Weight: Unit of Measure:
Description: **Consent to search form**
Value Stolen or Damaged: Value Recovered: **\$1.00** Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:
Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO** Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
Bus. Contact Name: **R.C. CAMPBELL (#76073)** Bus. Contact Phone #: Ext.:

Received From:
NOT APPLICABLE

Property #7 - MISCELLANEOUS

Quantity: **2** Status: **SEIZED (NOT STOLEN)**
Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**
Manufacturer: Model:
Serial Number: Color: **WHITE**
Weight: Unit of Measure:
Description: **Constitutional Rights forms**
Value Stolen or Damaged: Value Recovered: **\$1.00** Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:
Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO** Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
Bus. Contact Name: **R.C. CAMPBELL (#76073)** Bus. Contact Phone #: Ext.:

Received From:
NOT APPLICABLE

Property #8 - MISCELLANEOUS

Quantity: **1** Status: **SEIZED (NOT STOLEN)**
Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**
Manufacturer: Model:
Serial Number: Color: **WHITE**
Weight: Unit of Measure:
Description: **Electronic Consent to Search Form**
Value Stolen or Damaged: Value Recovered: **\$1.00** Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:
Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO** Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
Bus. Contact Name: **R.C. CAMPBELL (#76073)** Bus. Contact Phone #: Ext.:

Received From:
NOT APPLICABLE

Property #9 - COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

Quantity: **1** Status: **SEIZED (NOT STOLEN)**
Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**
Manufacturer: **OPTIVIEW** Model:
Serial Number: **22608** Color: **BLACK**
Weight: Unit of Measure:
Description: **Video Surveillance DVR System with Power Cord**
Value Stolen or Damaged: Value Recovered: **\$300.00** Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:

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Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO** Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:

Victim (03) - LEXINGTON HOTEL

Received From:

LEXINGTON HOTEL

Bus. Contact Name: **WILLIE PARKER** Bus. Contact Phone #: **(904) 396-5100** Ext.:

Physical Address

**1515 PRUDENTIAL DR
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207**

Sub-sector: **G1** TAZ: **378**

Mailing Address

**1515 PRUDENTIAL DR
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207**

Sub-sector: **G1** TAZ: **378**

Property #10 - CELL PHONE

Quantity: **1** Status: **SEIZED (NOT STOLEN)**

Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**

Manufacturer: **APPLE**

Model: **IPHONE**

Serial Number: **356118091040527**

Color:

Weight:

Unit of Measure:

Description: **Cell phone with case and sim card**

Value Stolen or Damaged:

Value Recovered: **\$600.00**

Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:

Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO**

Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:

Suspect (01) - ROBERTS, JASON ALLEN

Received From:

Suspect (01) - ROBERTS, JASON ALLEN

Property #11 - CLOTHING / FUR

Quantity: **1** Status:

Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**

Manufacturer:

Model:

Serial Number:

Color: **BLACK**

Weight:

Unit of Measure:

Description: **shirt with blood**

Value Stolen or Damaged:

Value Recovered: **\$20.00**

Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:

Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO**

Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:

Suspect (01) - ROBERTS, JASON ALLEN

Received From:

Suspect (01) - ROBERTS, JASON ALLEN

Property #12 - COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

Quantity: **1** Status:

Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**

Manufacturer:

Model:

Serial Number:

Color:

Weight:

Unit of Measure:

Description: **video surveillance DVD**

Value Stolen or Damaged:

Value Recovered: **\$1.00**

Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:

Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO**

Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Bus. Contact Name: **R.C. CAMPBELL (#76073)** Bus. Contact Phone #: Ext.:

Received From:

Other: **TSU**

Property #13 - COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

Quantity: **2** Status:

Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**

Manufacturer:

Model:

Serial Number:

Color:

Weight:

Unit of Measure:

Description: **Cell phone download DVD**

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Value Stolen or Damaged:

Value Recovered: **\$10.00**

Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:

Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO**

Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Bus. Contact Name: **R.C. CAMPBELL (#76073)** Bus. Contact Phone #: Ext.:

Received From:

Other: **CFI**

Property #14 - COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

Quantity: **1** Status:

Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**

Manufacturer:

Model:

Serial Number:

Color:

Weight:

Unit of Measure:

Description: **Video Interview DVD**

Value Stolen or Damaged:

Value Recovered: **\$1.00**

Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:

Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO**

Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bus. Contact Name: **R.C. CAMPBELL (#76073)** Bus. Contact Phone #: Ext.:

Received From:

NOT APPLICABLE

Property #15 - COMPUTER HARDWARE/SOFTWARE

Quantity: **1** Status:

Turned in at: **PROPERTY ROOM**

Manufacturer:

Model:

Serial Number:

Color:

Weight:

Unit of Measure:

Description: **Audio Interview DVD - Jason Roberts**

Value Stolen or Damaged:

Value Recovered: **\$1.00**

Victim/Complaint Signed Signature Card:

Was Property Recovered From Vehicle?: **NO**

Vehicle Property Recovered From:

Property Owner:

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Bus. Contact Name: **R.C. CAMPBELL (#76073)** Bus. Contact Phone #: Ext.:

Received From:

NOT APPLICABLE

Additional Information

SYNOPSIS

On 02/17/2019 at 0444, patrol was dispatched to 1515 Prudential Dr (Lexington Hotel) in reference to a person shot. Upon arrival, patrol found Jason Roberts with multiple gunshot wounds to his abdomen. [REDACTED] was detained after he was identified as the person who shot Roberts.

DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

Time of Detective Dispatch: 02/17/2019; Sunday; 0555

Time of Detective Arrival: 02/17/2019; Sunday; 0608

OFFICERS AT SCENE

C. Padgett #74181

J. Bego #79031

M. Zona #7088

T. Viner #67518

Lt. R. Hacksunda #5254

C. D'Alessio #78497

J. Clark #78500

F. Camacho #68469

V. Seegobin #73716

M. Stevenson #76914

M. Kee #7438

Sgt. M. Gazic #66786

R. Splatt #79013

G. Grinberg #6809
L. Cribbs #77642

DETECTIVES

R.C. Campbell #76073 (Lead)
K.S. Brown #62802
Sgt. H. Goldfein #65046

CRIME SCENE DETECTIVES

J.N. Amponin #64623
D.E. Anderson #7906
L.A. Kicklighter #5900

FDLE AND/OR ASSISTING AGENCIES
FDLE

STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (SAO):

Joe Licandro
David Johnston

Subject(s)

Jason Allen Roberts

[REDACTED]
W/M

[REDACTED]
Kristen Knauss

[REDACTED]
W/F

EVIDENCE

See property and evidence section.

DESCRIPTION OF SCENE

The shooting occurred inside room 464 of the Lexington Hotel (1515 Prudential Dr), which is a multi-room Hotel with blue and white stucco siding. The entrance features a paver driveway with valet parking and motion activated sliding doors to the lobby entrance. At the time of the shooting Roberts was inside room 464 along with [REDACTED] the room was reserved under the name of [REDACTED]

DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES

Jason Roberts suffered multiple gunshot wounds to his abdomen. He also suffered an unknown injury to his chest. [REDACTED] had a bloody lip and was missing a tooth.

BEGINNING THE INVESTIGATION

Sunday, 02/17/2019 @ 0555

Detective K.S. Brown and I were requested to respond to 1515 Prudential Dr. in reference to a person shot. Detective Brown responded to UF Health and I responded to Baptist Hospital.

0608

I arrived at 801 Prudential Dr (Baptist Downtown) ER room 33 to speak with Kristen Knauss. Knauss advised she was the fiancé of Jason Roberts who was shot inside the Lexington Hotel. She informed me she was in town for the PBR rodeo at the arena. Roberts and Knauss were hanging out with a black male around 40 yoa with short hair in a separate room they were not staying in. Knauss was asked to get a bottle of Courvoisier by the black male and bring it back to where they were hanging out. Knauss could not remember if she was able to get the liquor or not. At some point she was walking in the hallway and heard three or four gunshots

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and then Roberts said, "You shot me." Knauss immediately ran downstairs and out of the building. Knauss could not remember how she got to the hospital. She stated she would not be able to recognize the black male if she saw him again.

0645

I arrived at the Lexington Hotel and was provided information by Ofc. Bego the scene was located in the hallway to the immediate left after exiting the elevator to the fourth floor. I was also provided the name of the person who was shot (Jason Roberts) and the person who shot him [REDACTED]. Ofc. Bego advised [REDACTED] was in the backseat of her patrol car. The hotel provided me the room number for [REDACTED] and Jason Roberts (459). I located [REDACTED] in the backseat of Ofc. Bego's patrol car and asked him to sign a consent to search form for his room, which he agreed and completed outside of the patrol car.

0700

I spoke with Giddens Security Guard, Andrew Rowland, who stated he was notified by the front desk that room 462 reported a fight. Rowland advised Giddens Security is the contracted security company for the Lexington Hotel. Rowland was not provided details of whether it was in a room or hallway. Rowland got to the fourth floor from the elevator and immediately walked right out of the elevators. As soon as he got to the right side rooms of the fourth floor he heard two or three gunshots come from the left side of the fourth floor. He went to the left side and saw Roberts crawl out of room 464. He then saw [REDACTED] on the phone and Rowland was told by [REDACTED] "Call 911, I just shot a guy." [REDACTED] then told Roberts, "You shouldn't have punched me in the jaw and broke my tooth out." [REDACTED] then walked down the hallway towards his guys in his motorcycle group (#1 Stunnas). Rowland then saw a black female begin to administer first aid to Roberts. He did not see Knauss near the room or run by him.

0735

I went upstairs to the incident location, which was taped off and held by Ofc. Stevenson. Ofc. Stevenson secured the scene to prevent it from being disturbed. I found several white towels with blood on them, a torn black t-shirt, cowboy boots, and a black semi-automatic pistol on the ground outside of room 464. I searched room 464 along with Crime Scene Detective Amponin. Upon entry to the room I found a black boot print on the bathroom door and the door jamb broken into multiple pieces as if it was kicked open. There was blood on various spots on the interior walls along with the carpet in the room. A chair located in the far left corner of the room contained two shell casings along with a human tooth. A trucker style white mesh hat had blood on it lying on the floor next to the chair. A #1 Stunnas hat was located next to the trucker hat close to the AC unit. One additional shell casing was located on the floor near the chair.

0746

I knocked on room 462 who initially called in the fight to the front desk, but received no answer. I located a camera outside the hallway room 464 is located. There was also a camera that appeared to face the elevator for the fourth floor.

0825

I went to Baptist Hospital to speak with Knauss again. Knauss confirmed the name of her fiancé as Jason Roberts who is a white male, DOB [REDACTED]. She stated they were in town for the rodeo and they were drinking all night after the rodeo downstairs at the hotel and in the room. She advised they were invited to a club by the motorcycle club and left the club after having one drink. She does not remember anything about the club or what happened at the club other than having one drink. She remembered at some point in the night she was shown a black semi-automatic pistol by "the man who shot Roberts", but it was earlier in the night. She stated she could not remember anything else in the night and does not remember ever being in the room. She stated Roberts never put his hands on her; she was not touched inappropriately by anyone from the motorcycle group.

I asked Dr. Thivierge (ER Doctor, Baptist Hospital Downtown) if Knauss had any injuries to her person and she advised [REDACTED]

0858

[REDACTED] was transported to the Police Memorial Building (PMB) by Ofc. Stevenson and interviewed in Homicide room 2. [REDACTED] interview was audio and video recorded. [REDACTED] stated he met a couple outside the hotel when he was with a couple of guys. Roberts and Knauss seemed like a "nice, good couple" and [REDACTED] invited them to an event they were having at "The Armory". After they got back from "The Armory" they all continued drinking having a good time and partying. During the course of the night Knauss went up to the room to get something [REDACTED] asked her if she could go to his room and get his other bottle of Courvoisier. Knauss went upstairs, back down and didn't know which key belonged to who because all of the key cards are black. [REDACTED] Roberts, and Knauss went upstairs to make sure they had their appropriate keys and while upstairs she invited [REDACTED] to her and Roberts' room. They went to [REDACTED] room and sat and talked, then eventually went back downstairs. While downstairs they all took pictures and "smoked".

Sometime in the night Roberts lost the keys to his room, but Roberts was so drunk he never realized they were in his pocket. Roberts went to the parking lot to look for his keys and Knauss went inside to the front desk to get a key. [REDACTED] told Knauss lets go up to my room but before they went upstairs they waited for Roberts to return. [REDACTED] asked Roberts if he found his keys and Roberts replied, "No." [REDACTED] told Roberts he could get a new key from the front desk if he needed to. [REDACTED] stated he believes Knauss was already waiting on the fourth floor when he and Roberts got on the elevator to go to the fourth floor. [REDACTED] asked Roberts again if he found his keys and he was "laughing and tripping and everything." Knauss went through Roberts pockets and found his keys.

[REDACTED] went to his room and Knauss walked in right behind him. Roberts was still standing near the elevator and Knauss went into [REDACTED] bathroom and locked the door. While Knauss was in the bathroom [REDACTED] began putting his stuff in his bags [REDACTED] opened his room door and saw Roberts walking down the hall and he tells Roberts, "Yo man, we in here." Roberts came in the room, looks around, and [REDACTED] tells Roberts Knauss is in the bathroom. [REDACTED] was standing by the bed when Roberts tries to open the bathroom

door and [REDACTED] explains to Roberts the door is locked. Roberts went "from having a good time to crazy jealous psycho, kicking the door down." [REDACTED] asked Roberts what he was doing and tried to calm Roberts down. Roberts then hit [REDACTED] with a closed fist in the mouth, Knauss came out of the bathroom and tried to calm Roberts down, and Roberts managed to get Knauss on the ground in some kind of way and had Knauss pinned to the ground. Roberts pushes [REDACTED] back into the chair with Roberts forearm over his neck. While Roberts was messing with Knauss [REDACTED] was able to get his gun out from his hip and chamber a round. At this point in time Roberts is holding [REDACTED] left arm up by the wrist near the top of the chair and holding [REDACTED] right arm down by his side. [REDACTED] was still trying to calm Roberts down, and told Roberts he "fucked up his mouth, you're tripping." Roberts lets up for a minute and [REDACTED] was able to get the gun on his lap. Roberts said, "I don't care if you got that stuff, you ain't going to do nothing." [REDACTED] was still trying to calm Roberts down while he was yelling. Roberts still had [REDACTED] arm in the air and began snarling at [REDACTED] saying, "I'm going to destroy you, I'm going to destroy you, I'm going to destroy you." [REDACTED] stated the whole time he was thinking, "What can I do?" [REDACTED] didn't want to shoot Roberts and [REDACTED] has never shot anyone in his life. [REDACTED] stated the way Roberts was acting it was going to be "him (Roberts) or me [REDACTED] shot the gun one time and he thinks a bullet hit Roberts, but he wasn't sure. Roberts jumped up, but did not disengage, and continued fighting with [REDACTED] so [REDACTED] shot two more times in quick succession. Roberts then fell to the ground and [REDACTED] immediately went outside into the hallway. Knauss then got up, ran out of the room towards the right, and down the hallway before [REDACTED] got out of the room. [REDACTED] then holstered his weapon and flagged down the security guard and said, "I just had to shoot this guy, call the police, call the ambulance for him." [REDACTED] then called his chapter president, Stanley (#1 Roper) and his wife (Thu) and waited for police to arrive.

When [REDACTED] was asked about when they started hanging out, [REDACTED] stated he got to "The Armory" around 2200 on 2/16/2019 and Roberts and Knauss were already there hanging out. [REDACTED] got back to the hotel sometime after midnight on 2/17/2019 and he just remembers looking at the time and saw it was 0300. [REDACTED] clarified they were upstairs in their room and his room. During the night Roberts talked to him about making some money and moving "Ki's" (kilo's). [REDACTED] advised he doesn't know the first thing about that.

[REDACTED]

0953

I contacted the on call SAO and spoke with ASA Johnston and he agreed there was no probable cause at this time to affect an arrest. ASA Johnston advised we needed to speak with Roberts first to get all facts and information related to the case.

1320

I went back to the Lexington Hotel to conduct a canvass of the neighboring rooms. I went to room 465 and 466 and received no answer at the door.

1335

The on call JSO Technical Support Unit Specialist was contacted and Detective T. Holochwost #67613 responded to 1515 Prudential Dr to retrieve the video surveillance footage. He was unable to retrieve the footage from the system and advised it would need to be taken to his office in order for him to make a copy. He advised the time stamp on the footage was one hour and 14 minutes ahead of the actual time that is recorded. The hotel staff provided the video surveillance system as evidence to download the appropriate time frames and cameras needed.

1404

Knauss was discharged from the hospital and brought to the PMB by Ofc. L. Cribbs #77642 for further questioning about the incident. Knauss stated her and Roberts checked into the hotel around 1630 and went to the Chart House located on the same property as the Lexington. She advised they received a coupon for an appetizer from the hotel. They went to the PBR rodeo until sometime around 2200 and came back to the hotel where they met the #1 Stunnas. They went to hang out with the Stunnas at "The Armory", drank, danced and then left. They went back to the hotel and continued hanging out and drinking. Knauss remembers being shown a gun. Knauss stated during the shooting she was standing in the hallway or outside of the door. Prior to the shooting she believes she heard Roberts and [REDACTED] arguing, but she never saw them get physical with each other. She stated nobody was ever physical with her either. She remembers during the night they were hanging outside the lobby, but she could not remember what room they were staying in.

1715

Hotel staff provided the guest information for the following rooms:

[REDACTED]

Room 462

[REDACTED]

Room 463

[REDACTED]

Room 465

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Sane Singh, 321-663-5894

Room 466

Tuesday, 2/19/2019 @1300

The video surveillance system and [REDACTED] cell phone were checked out of the property room.

1325

The video surveillance system was taken to TSU for download.

1415

The cell phone was taken to CFI for download.

Wednesday, 2/20/2019 @ 1255

The video surveillance system was picked up from TSU and delivered back to the Lexington Hotel. Willie Parker, Guest Services Manager completed a signature form taking possession of the property.

1325

I contacted UF Health to get a status on Roberts's condition. I spoke with Terri (RN), who advised Roberts [REDACTED]

1336

I contacted Maxwell Snyder Armory (The Armory) at 904-693-5026 to confirm if they held an event with the #1 Stunnas, but I was unable to reach anyone on site.

2015

I reviewed the video surveillance and found the account given by [REDACTED] matched what is shown on the video. All parties hung out for a lengthy period of time before [REDACTED] stated they went to The Armory. A few hours later they return and hang out outside the entrance to the hotel for several hours. They disappear out of camera view for close to one hour and reappear downstairs for a few more hours. The incident itself never takes place on camera due to only two cameras in the entire hotel working (front outside entrance, fourth floor elevator camera).

Thursday, 2/21/2019 @ 0930

I went to 655 W 8th St (UF Health) and spoke with Kerri who advised [REDACTED]

Friday, 2/22/2019 @ 0913

I contacted UF Health via phone and spoke with Brittany (Charge Nurse) about Roberts's condition. [REDACTED]

1023

I spoke with Roberts in his hospital room which was audio recorded. A copy of the interview was submitted as evidence in the property room. Roberts advised he and Knauss got to the rodeo around 1800 after checking into the hotel between 1700 and 1800. They went to Chart House for appetizers before heading to the rodeo. They left the rodeo around 2200 before heading back to the hotel. Roberts remembers while hanging out at the hotel he got into a confrontation with a black male in a gray shirt. Sometime during the night Roberts was approached about drugs. Roberts said the weight the heavy set male was talking about moving is way above him. Roberts explained his past involvement with the DEA and how someone puts out feelers and then gets that person in contact with the boss. Roberts believes someone in this group was wearing red clothing, but unsure what part of his clothing was red. Roberts doesn't recall anything about the shooting and he didn't feel he was that intoxicated to recall that information.

1330

I spoke with Special Prosecution Division Chief Joe Licandro and he advised to continue the investigation and put together any and all evidence and information that could be pertinent to the case.

1455

I picked up item 2-10 (cell phone) from the property room and brought it back to Roberts in his hospital room. He provided me with three phone numbers that he either called or called him. He stated the three numbers he was providing were from members of the #1 Stunnas. At 0624 and 0657 a phone call was received while Roberts was in the hospital from 904-202-2046 (Baptist Hospital). At 0226 a call was conducted with Bossman [REDACTED]. Roberts stated this was the man in the red clothing. Another call was conducted at 0221 with Boss 2 [REDACTED] (cell phone). Roberts then completed a signature form taking ownership of his property.

Monday, 2/25/2019 @ 1455

I contacted the registered occupant of room 461, Maurice Smith, at [REDACTED]. Smith advised he was in town for a #1 Stunnas anniversary party. Smith stated while he was at the hotel he noticed a white male around 5'10" to 6' wearing a black Pittsburgh Steelers shirt and a hat. Smith remembers him because they talked about sports with each other. Roberts started the conversation

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with him because Smith was wearing a Philadelphia Eagles hat. He stated he could recognize his voice because the entire night he was being loud and was "belligerently" drunk for hours. Smith advised other than talking about sports Smith didn't speak to Roberts much, but saw Roberts talking with other people in his party. Smith remembers seeing Roberts walk up and down the hallway, outside the hotel, and in the lobby throughout the night and constantly heard his voice. When Smith was inside his hotel room he heard Roberts say to someone, "Shut up, I'm going to kill you. I'm going to end you." Smith then heard three gunshots and he heard a different male voice say, "I just shot somebody call the cops." Smith opened the door and saw Roberts on the ground.

I contacted the registered occupant of room 462, [REDACTED] advised she was staying in room 201 and does not have the contact information for [REDACTED] who was the other registered occupant of the room. The hotel had no contact information for [REDACTED]

Tuesday, 2/26/2019 @ 1136

[REDACTED] cell phone download was retrieved from Computer Forensics Investigations. [REDACTED] cell phone was returned back to the property room as evidence.

Wednesday, 2/27/2019 @ 1142

I contacted the registered occupant of 463, Rachel Reherek, [REDACTED], but was unable to reach her. A voicemail was left with a request for her to call back.

I contacted the registered occupant of 465, Sane Singh, a [REDACTED] but was unable to reach them. I could not leave a voicemail due to the mailbox being full.

I contacted the registered occupant of 466, Terrence Russell, a [REDACTED] but was unable to reach him. A voicemail was left with a request for him to call back.

1204

I contacted the hospital and confirmed Roberts was still a patient in the hospital and had not been released.

1930

I reviewed the exterior cameras and saw Roberts hanging around and talking with several members of the #1 Stunnas, including [REDACTED]. The video appears to match the story provided by [REDACTED]

Friday, 3/1/2019 @ 1100

I met with Joe Licandro along with Sgt. Goldfein, Sgt. B. Baker, Det. Brown, and Det. P. Bodine in order to discuss the case further and speak with [REDACTED] via conference call. [REDACTED] advised he has "No hatred for him, whatsoever." He believes Roberts has suffered enough and thinks he may lose his job over this incident since he works for a Sheriff's Office. He stated he would leave any decision on whether to prosecute up to the SAO.

Tuesday, 3/5/2019 @ 1015

Rachel Reherek called back and stated she did not see or hear anything. Reherek only heard someone scream after the shooting occurred. Reherek did not observe anybody arguing, nobody was involved in any altercations, and nothing seemed out of the norm. The Stunnas were always nice and polite to her while she was there, and they kept the music down when they knew everyone else in the hotel was trying to sleep.

Saturday, 3/19/2019 @ 1600

I reviewed the cell phone download of [REDACTED] phone. At 0442 [REDACTED] made a phone call to [REDACTED] that lasted one minute 41 seconds. He then made a call to [REDACTED] that lasted 24 seconds. He called Thu Cell again at 0446 that lasted five minutes. [REDACTED] previously stated in his interview he called his chapter president and his wife immediately following the shooting.

Tuesday, 3/12/2019 @ 1430

I met with Joe Licandro and presented him with all evidence and documentation related to the case. Licandro advised he would contact me when a decision is made on the case.

Monday, 3/25/2019 @ 1009

I received the final disposition statement from Joe Licandro in reference to this case.

In reference to the Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon against [REDACTED] prosecution determined the facts surrounding the incident matched [REDACTED] explanation for his actions as self-defense.

In reference to the Simple Battery charge against Roberts, prosecution was declined at the request of [REDACTED]

In reference to the Criminal Mischief charge against Roberts, prosecution determined that Roberts could have had a genuine concern for Knauss' safety and in doing so lacked the requisite for intent to commit the crime of criminal mischief. Therefore, Roberts would not be prosecuted for this crime.

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██████████ advised he thinks Roberts suffered enough and ██████████ has, "No hatred for him, whatsoever." ██████████ stated he would leave all filing decisions up to the SAO.

ASA Licandro advised they would not seek prosecution for Jason Roberts on the charge of Simple Battery or Criminal Mischief. Based off the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident ██████████ will not be charged with Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon due to the evidence and belief ██████████ was in fear for his life while Roberts was committing the crime of battery on his person.

CASE STATUS
Exceptionally Cleared

Additional Question(s)

Body Worn Camera Footage

01 Is there Body Worn Camera (BWC) footage for incident?:

Risk Protection Order

- 01 Subject poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to himself/herself or others:
- 02 Subject owns, has care, custody or control of, or has the ability to purchase, possess, or receive firearm(s) and/or ammunition:
- 03 Subject was involved in a recent act or threat of violence against himself/herself or others, whether or not such violence involved a firearm:
- 04 Subject has made a threat of violence in the past 12 months against himself/herself or others:
- 05 Subject is seriously mentally ill or has recurring mental health issues:
- 06 Subject was a respondent of, or violated, a previous/existing injunction related to domestic, dating, sexual, or repeat violence and/or stalking:
- 07 The subject has previously been issued an RPO:
- 08 Subject has previously violated the provisions of an RPO:
- 09 Subject has been convicted of, had adjudication withheld on, or pled nolo contendere to, a crime constituting domestic violence in any state:
- 10 Subject has used, or threatened to use, against himself/herself or others, any weapons or physical force:
- 11 Subject has unlawfully or recklessly used, displayed, or brandished a firearm:
- 12 Subject has stalked another person:
- 13 Subject has been arrested for, convicted of, had adjudication withheld, or pled nolo contendere to a crime or threat of violence in any other state:
- 14 Is evidence to demonstrate the abuse of controlled substances or alcohol by the subject:
- 15 Is evidence to demonstrate the subject has recently acquired firearm(s) or ammunition:
- 16 Is there any other relevant information provided by a family/household member concerning the subject. (If yes, place information into the narrative):

Crime Reporting

ASSAULT/BATTERY

Agg. Assault / Agg. Battery/Murder:

DRINKING ARGUMENT

Misc Information

Clearance Status: **EXCEPTIONALLY CLEARED**

Clearance Code: **ADULT**

Date Case Was Cleared: **03/28/2019**

Exception Type: **PROSECUTION DECLINED**

Number of Cases Cleared: **1**

Is there additional information included on a continuation report?: **NO**

Are there other Pertinent Reports?: **NO**

In your opinion is there significant reason to believe that the crime can be solved by a patrol follow-up investigation?: **NO**

Neighborhood Canvass Conducted?: **NO**

Case Card Information Left with: NOT APPLICABLE

Other Explanation:

Other Explanation Address:

N.A.

Handouts

Investigation Time #1

Hour(s): **03**

Minute(s): **00**

Cost Amount: **\$144.72**

Investigation Time #3

Hour(s): **30**

Minute(s): **00**

Cost Amount: **\$1,447.20**

Signature

Detective Called To the Scene:

K.S. BROWN (#62802)

At Scene:

Division:

Unit:

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Evidence Technician Called to the Scene: **J.N. AMPONIN (#64623)**

At Scene:

Signature(s)

Reporting Officer #1: **R.C. CAMPBELL (#76073)**

Division: **INVESTIGATIONS**

Unit: **AGGRAVATED BATTERY**

Reporting Officer #2: **N/A**

Division:

Unit:

Report submitted on: **03/28/2019 10:07**

Approving Supervisor: **H.W. GOLDFEIN (#65046)**

Status: **Approved**

Report approved on: **03/28/2019 14:55**