



Brevard County Sheriff's Office
Titusville, Florida

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Michael J. Lewis
FROM: Major Alex Fischback *AF*
DATE: April 10, 2017
RE: Administrative Investigation 2017-CI-008
Corrections Deputy Anthony J. Ryder

Summary:

On February 17, 2017, Corrections Deputy Anthony Ryder (ID 1928) was involved in a verbal disturbance with a friend of his that was staying at his residence in the unincorporated area of Cocoa. Ryder escalated this to a physical confrontation when he picked up a bottle of hot sauce and threw it at the roommate, striking him with a glancing blow to the head. This incident occurred while C/D Ryder was in an off-duty capacity.

Deputies from the West Precinct of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) responded to the scene and investigated this incident under case #2017-00058411. The investigation included sworn interviews with each of the participants as well as photographs of the crime scene and the victim. Based on his investigation, Deputy Brent Haptonstall determined that Anthony Ryder had committed a **Battery**, contrary to section **784.03 Florida Statutes**, a misdemeanor. Anthony Ryder was arrested and transported to the Brevard County Detention Center (BCDC).

At the time of this incident, Anthony Ryder was a probationary employee with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. Shortly after his arrest, and while he was still at the BCDC, Ryder's employment with the BCSO was terminated on February 17, 2017.

On March 9, 2017, ASA Domenic Leo filed a "NOTICE OF NO INFORMATION AS TO ARREST CASE." This notice (a copy of which is included with this report) notifies the Court that the SAO does not intend to file an Information on the criminal charges in this matter.

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Recommendations:

I reviewed the criminal investigation completed by Deputy Haptonstall and listened to the interviews he conducted with the participants. During a post-miranda interview, C/D Ryder admitted that he had gotten aggravated with his friend and had thrown a bottle of hot sauce at him. Ryder was not clear whether it actually struck him or not.

During his interview, the victim claimed that he had been able to make an evasive move so that the bottle only had minimal impact with him. I viewed the photos of the incident that were taken after the event and was unable to identify any marks, bruises, swelling or other indicators reflecting that the victim had actually been struck by the bottle. The victim did have some hot sauce on his clothing and hands.

Although I did not see any evidence that the bottle actually made contact with the victim, Deputy Haptonstall noted in his report that he observed "slight swelling" to the right side of the victim's face consistent with his statement that the bottle hit him.

Based on my review of Anthony Ryder's actions on February 17, 2017, I find that he did violate *Florida Statute 784.03 Battery*, he is therefore in violation of the established policies and procedures of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

It is my recommendation that the following administrative violations be sustained:

- *400.00 General Professional Responsibilities*
- *400.06 Compliance with Law and Regulation*

Exhibits:

- A. Copy of BCSO CR#2017-00058411, with statements and photos.
- B. Copy of the SAO filing decision.

Official Records:

1. Authorization for Administrative Investigation 2017-CI-008.
2. Notice of Withdrawal of Appointment, dated February 17, 2017.

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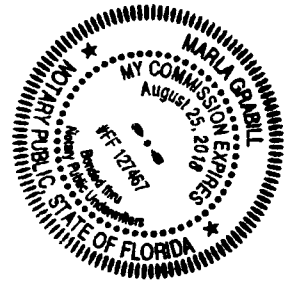
Oath:

I, Major Alex Fischback, 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 Major Alex Fischback
Major Alex Fischback, ID#125

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, this 10th day of April 2017.

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



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