

**VOLUSIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT NUMBER: IA-17-003

PERIOD COVERED: June 2016 to December 2016
DATE REPORTED: January 25, 2017
SUBJECT(S) NAME: Deputy John Braman #7392
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Lieutenant Justin G. Sawicki #7179

BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION:

On August 01, 2016, Deputy John Braman placed a defendant under arrest for Driving Under the Influence (DUI). After completing the arrest, Deputy Braman's body worn camera (BWC) footage captured him at the rear of his department issued vehicle with the trunk lid ajar. Deputy Braman was clearly seen holding the defendant's wallet in his hand. Deputy Braman removed two paper bills of US Currency from the wallet. Deputy Braman was then observed placing the US Currency he removed from the wallet into a plastic bag. The bag containing the US Currency was placed in the trunk separate from the defendant's wallet. The defendant's wallet was placed into a second plastic bag, Deputy Braman then closed the trunk and entered the cabin of the vehicle.

Chief Deputy John W. Creamer assigned the case for investigation by the Internal Affairs Unit.

OFFENSE(S):

Volusia County Merit System Rules and Regulations 86-453 *These violations may be sufficient grounds for disciplinary action ranging from oral reprimand to dismissal, depending on the seriousness of the offense and other circumstances related to the situation:*

(2) Disregard for or frequent violations of Federal Laws, State Laws, County Ordinances, Departmental Standard Directives, and safety rules.

(10) Incompetent or unsatisfactory performance of duties.

(13) Any conduct, on or off duty that reflects unfavorably on the County as an employer.

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY:

On January 25, 2017, Chief Deputy John W. Creamer assigned the above-described incident to the Internal Affairs Unit for investigation. This report details the investigation conducted by Lieutenant Justin Sawicki.

On January 25, 2017, Lieutenant (Sergeant at the time) Sawicki served Deputy Braman with a Notice of Internal Investigation and Administrative Leave with Pay at the VCSO Training Center in Daytona Beach, FL. Deputy Braman was provided with a copy of the law enforcement officer bill of rights. *(See Tab – B for Official Correspondence)*

On January 30, 2017, Deputy Braman submitted a letter of resignation to Sheriff Chitwood.

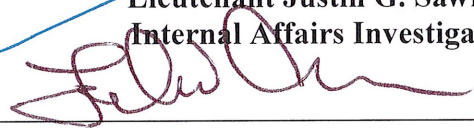
On January 31, 2017, Deputy Braman was served with a Notice of Intent to Terminate in Orange City, FL.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Report of Investigation
- B. Official Correspondence
- C. Digital Media

I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, under the 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 suspect of the investigation of any rights contained in ss. 112.532 and 112.533, Florida Statutes.

INVESTIGATOR:  DATE: 07/31/17
Lieutenant Justin G. Sawicki
Internal Affairs Investigator

APPROVED BY:  DATE: 08/09/17
Chief Deputy John W. Creamer
SHERIFF MICHAEL J. CHITWOOD
VOLUSIA COUNTY FLORIDA