

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

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT NUMBER: IA-14-024

PERIOD COVERED: October 14 – 15, 2014

DATE REPORTED: October 15, 2014

SUBJECT(S) NAME: Deputy Breck Sanders #8179

INVESTIGATING OFFICERS: Investigator Glen Bennett #1452

BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION:

On the morning of October 15, 2014, the resident of 3777 Parsley Lane in Samsula, awoke to find an unknown vehicle parked in her driveway. Not knowing who owned the truck, coupled with the damaged front end, she notified the Sheriff's Office. Upon running the tag assigned to the vehicle, the 2004 red Ford F-150 pick-up truck was found to be registered to Deputy Breck Sanders. Deputies were dispatched to the address and the patrol shift sergeant was notified.

After learning of his truck being found on Parsley Lane, Deputy Sanders drove to the residence alone. Deputy Sanders, who was off-duty, briefly spoke to the reporting party and gathered some belongings from his damaged truck. The reporting party, concerned he was on scene and smelled of alcohol, called the Sheriff's Office again to notify them of the situation. Deputy Sanders, after advising the reporting party he would return, drove away from the scene prior to the deputy's arrival.

While deputies were on scene, Deputy Sanders arrived back at the residence as a passenger in a friend's vehicle. During questioning, deputies reported smelling the odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from Deputy Sanders. Based on Deputy Sanders insistence on driving his damaged truck home, the sergeant requested a breath alcohol sample. Deputy Sanders consented to the test and blew a .082 which was over the legal limit to operate a motor vehicle and elected to have the truck towed to his house.

In the course of the deputies' investigation, they discovered that during the prior evening there was a report of a red truck driving eastbound in the westbound lanes of State Road – 44 in New Smyrna Beach. Furthermore, a traffic control sign was crashed into and left lying on the side of the road approximately one half mile from its original location. Red transfer paint combined with other physical evidence on scene matched that of Deputy Sanders damaged truck. The report of the reckless vehicle occurred in the same proximity of the damaged street sign. A visual inspection of the damage to Deputy Sanders truck was consistent with striking a street sign of similar size. The New Smyrna Beach Police Department opened a criminal investigation involving the damaged street sign.

OFFENSES:

This investigation is relevant to an alleged violation of Department Standards Directive:

26.2.107 Untruthfulness in an Official Proceeding (not under oath) - Employees shall not knowingly make false statements to a supervisor or to any official of a government agency during an official proceeding of the Department or other government agency even though such statements are not made under oath. *(Violation subject up to dismissal.)*

26.2.129 Misdemeanor Injurious to the Department - Department personnel shall adhere to all federal, state and local laws and shall not commit any act or crime defined as a misdemeanor, first or second degree, whether chargeable or not, which brings discredit upon the Department or otherwise impairs the operation and efficiency of the Sheriff's Office and/or which is likely to impair the ability of personnel concerned to perform assigned duties. *(Violation subject to dismissal.)*

Volusia County Merit System Rules and Regulations 86-453 (13) - Any conduct, on or off duty, that reflects unfavorably on the County as an employer. *(This violation 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.)*

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY:

On October 15, 2014, Chief Deputy Mike Coffin assigned the above incident to the Internal Affairs Unit. This report details the internal affairs investigation conducted by Investigator Glen Bennett.

Investigator Bennett reviewed all Volusia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) reports and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) printouts related to VCSO case #14-27936. The original report was written by Deputy Andrew Davis who was dispatched by Volusia County Sheriff's Office Communications Center (Central) to 3777 Parsley Lane in Samsula reference a suspicious vehicle. The deputy's report indicated that Central had queried the tag and discovered the vehicle belonged to Deputy Sanders and that Central notified Deputy Sanders via telephone prior to Deputy Davis arriving on scene. Deputy Davis contacted Deputy Sanders via cell phone and was advised by Deputy Sanders that he had already met with the reporting party Lori Comer. Deputy Sanders was reportedly at the residence alone prior to the deputy's arrival but left the residence to get a credit card for a tow truck.

When Deputy Davis arrived on scene he contacted Ms. Comer who advised him that she awoke just after 6:00AM and noticed a red Ford F-150 parked in her driveway. When she looked at the truck she noticed a large amount of damage to the front end. Ms. Comer advised her daughter had come home at approximately 1:00AM that morning and reportedly saw the truck parked, unoccupied. Ms. Comer also stated that Deputy Sanders had been at her residence prior to Deputy Davis's arrival and she detected a strong odor of alcohol emanating from his person.

Also documented in Deputy Davis's report was the reckless driver call that the New Smyrna Beach Police Department (NSBPD) received in reference to a red pick-up traveling eastbound in the westbound lane of State Road - 44 at Interstate - 95 on the evening of October 15th. The following morning, NSBPD located a downed traffic sign in front of the ABC Liquor store on State Road - 44. Deputies Davis and Fletcher responded to the ABC Liquor store and observed pieces of plastic that were consistent with the damaged grille on Deputy Sanders' truck.

According to the CAD printout, NSBPD received a call for a reckless driver traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of State Road - 44 on October 14th at 11:05PM. The comments in the call history indicated that the vehicle in question was a red truck. An officer arrived on scene at 11:09:45PM but was unable to locate the red truck and cleared the call at 11:09:58PM.

Sergeant Omar McKnight, who was the patrol shift supervisor on October 15th, responded to the residence on Parsley Lane and completed a supplement report. According to Sergeant McKnight's report, Deputy Sanders and Deputy Davis had spoken on the phone prior to Deputy Davis's arrival on scene. Once Deputy Davis arrived on scene Deputy Sanders was not there. Deputy Davis observed damage to the red truck and it appeared that it may have struck a street sign. Sergeant McKnight was informed by Deputy Davis that the reporting party advised him when Deputy Sanders was on scene prior to his arrival, he smelled of alcohol. *(See Tab - N for photographs of damaged truck)*

Approximately forty five minutes after Deputy Davis was on scene Deputy Sanders arrived as a passenger in a red truck. Sergeant McKnight contacted him and inquired as to what happened to his truck. Deputy Sanders told him that he was out with friends on the evening of October 14th and he consumed several alcoholic beverages at various establishments on Flagler Avenue. Deputy Sanders advised Sergeant McKnight that he ended the night at approximately 11:30PM and took a taxi cab home leaving his truck on Flagler Avenue.

Sergeant McKnight documented that Deputy Sanders advised him that he contacted a taxi cab company for a ride back to his residence [REDACTED]. A friend offered to drive Deputy Sanders truck and they agreed to meet the following day so Deputy Sanders could get his truck back. Sergeant McKnight wrote that Deputy Sanders asked his friend if he was good to drive and the friend replied "Yes." Furthermore, Deputy Sanders left his truck keys with the friend and then left in a local taxi cab.

Sergeant McKnight further wrote that the following day, October 15th, Deputy Sanders was contacted by Central in reference to a suspicious vehicle parked at an address on Parsley Lane. Deputy Sanders went to the address on Parsley Lane, contacted Lori Comer, retrieved some belongings out of the truck, and started the truck to assure that it did not need to be towed. Deputy Sanders then left and returned approximately one hour later.

When Deputy Sanders arrived back on scene Sergeant McKnight wrote that Deputy Sanders confirmed he left Flagler Avenue at around 11:00PM in a taxi cab. Deputy Sanders was hesitant to provide the name of his friend whom allegedly drove his truck, none the less he spelled the name "C-h-r-i-s C-o-n-n-e-l", leaving off the last "L" on Connell. When Deputy Sanders was asked for a contact number he advised, "I don't have my phone on me." Sergeant McKnight

explained that he needed the information so the hit and run crash could be investigated. Deputy Sanders never provided the information requested by Sergeant McKnight.

Also documented in the report by Sergeant McKnight was that Deputy Sanders advised him his intentions were to drive the damaged truck home. Sergeant McKnight wrote that Deputy Sanders showed signs of impairment and felt he wasn't able to operate a motor vehicle. Deputy Sanders agreed to a breath test and blew .082, when Deputy Sanders saw the results he immediately said, *"I guess I'm calling a tow truck."*

Investigator Bennett reviewed the CAD printout for the suspicious vehicle call at 3777 Parsley Lane. Lori Comer called Central at 6:29AM on the morning of October 15th to report the red truck in her driveway. Deputy Davis was dispatched; however, he conducted a traffic stop on an unrelated vehicle which delayed his response to Parsley Lane. At 7:33AM, Ms. Comer called Central concerned that Deputy Sanders was on scene. Deputy Davis arrived at the address on Parsley Lane at 7:59AM with Sergeant McKnight shortly after.

Officer Ralph Hunnefeld with NSBPD, wrote the initial report involving the damaged street sign at the intersection of Glencoe Road and State Road - 44. According to the report, a truck was traveling east in the westbound lanes of State Road - 44, went through the median and struck the street sign. The vehicle continued east with the sign dragging until it came to a rest at Colony Park Road and State Road - 44, in front of the ABC Liquor store. The metal pole had red transfer paint on it and a headlight was recovered at the point of impact at Glencoe Road and State Road - 44.

Officer Josh Holloway also with NSBPD, was assigned the hit and run investigation on October 16th. Officer Holloway, while on patrol, located the red Ford F-150 parked at Liberty Collision. He spoke to an employee who advised him the truck belonged to Deputy Sanders and a friend of his that worked at New Smyrna Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge had it dropped off for a quote. According to Officer Holloway's report, Deputy Sanders' friend advised Liberty Collision that the vehicle had struck a pole.

At approximately 2:20PM, Officer Holloway met and spoke with Chase Firestone, the friend that had the truck brought to Liberty Collision. Mr. Firestone advised that he received a phone call from Deputy Sanders asking him for a ride to his truck on Parsley Lane the morning of October 15th, which contradicts Officer Holloway's report where Deputy Sanders advised he accompanied Mr. Firestone to Flagler Avenue to search for his truck. Mr. Firestone was also the one that referred Deputy Sanders to Liberty Collision for the damage on his truck. Mr. Firestone did not wish to answer any further questions.

At approximately 3:00PM, Officer Holloway made contact with Deputy Sanders who was at Liberty Collision. Officer Holloway read Deputy Sanders his Miranda rights and questioned him in relation to the hit and run investigation. Deputy Sanders stated that he had drank too much alcohol on the night of October 14th and took a taxi cab home; however, he was unable to remember the name of the cab company. Furthermore, he said that he gave his truck keys to a friend named Chris. When he awoke the following morning he called Mr. Firestone for a ride to Flagler Avenue to get his truck. When he could not find the truck he said he called Central who

advised him that deputies were out with the truck on Parsley Lane. Investigator Bennett later verified that Deputy Sanders did contact Central on the morning of October 15th.

Also documented by Officer Holloway, Deputy Sanders advised him that he had spoken to his friend Chris who told him he did not drive the truck that evening. Deputy Sanders reluctantly stated that his truck was stolen but did not wish file a police report since it was not worth reporting. *(See Tab – N for all police and CAD reports)*

On October 27, 2014, Investigator Bennett went to Clancey's Bar and Grill (Clancey's) on Flagler Avenue in New Smyrna Beach and requested security video for the evening of October 14th. Preliminary information revealed that Deputy Sanders was at Clancey's that evening; however, multiple attempts to obtain the video went unsuccessful. Furthermore, based on police reports, Deputy Sanders alleged that he gave his truck keys to a friend and took a local taxi cab home.

On October 28, 2014, Sergeant Tom Tatum served Deputy Breck Sanders with his Notice of Internal Investigation and a copy of the Law Enforcement Officer's Rights at State Road 44 and State Road 415 in Samsula. *(See Tab – B for Official Correspondence)*

On October 29, 2014, Investigator Bennett contacted the two taxi cab companies listed in New Smyrna Beach, New Smyrna Beach Taxi and Silver Bullet Taxi. This was done to verify Deputy Sanders statement to deputies on scene that he had taken a taxi cab home the prior evening. Both companies were asked if they had any record of bringing someone to a residence [REDACTED] on October 14th or 15th. Both companies denied having a fare that went anywhere on [REDACTED] for those dates.

Investigator Bennett contacted two other taxi cab companies in Daytona Beach, Daytona Beach Transportation Company and Kings Transportation Group. Neither company had any record of conducting business in the New Smyrna Beach area for the dates in question.

Sergeant Omar McKnight

On October 29, 2014, Investigator Bennett conducted a sworn recorded interview with Sergeant Omar McKnight at the District-5 headquarters in New Smyrna Beach. The following is a summary of that interview:

Sergeant McKnight has been with the Sheriff's Office since 2005 and has served as a patrol sergeant for the last three years. Sergeant McKnight has spent the last two and half years assigned to District-5 as a patrol supervisor.

On October 15, 2014, Sergeant McKnight was working his normal day shift in District-5 and recalled Central dispatching Deputy Andrew Davis to a suspicious vehicle at 3777 Parsley Lane at approximately 6:29AM. Sergeant McKnight said the communications dispatcher advised the units on their talk around channel (TAC) that the vehicle was registered to Deputy Breck Sanders. Sergeant McKnight was then advised by Deputy Davis that he was going to try and

make contact with Deputy Sanders in an attempt to figure out what was going on with his personal vehicle. According to Sergeant McKnight, Deputy Davis was unsuccessful in making contact with Deputy Sanders; however, the two spoke at some point prior to arriving on Parsley Lane.

A short time later Sergeant McKnight arrived at the residence on Parsley Lane where the vehicle, a red 2004 Ford F-150, was left abandoned with front end damage. According to Sergeant McKnight the only people on scene at that time when he arrived were Deputy Davis and the reporting party/homeowner Lori Comer. Sergeant McKnight was advised by Deputy Davis that he spoke to Deputy Sanders and that he was on his way to Parsley Lane.

In a brief conversation with Ms. Comer, she stated that Deputy Sanders had been there earlier claiming ownership of the damaged truck. Sergeant McKnight was then informed by Ms. Comer that Deputy Sanders gathered some unknown belongings from his truck and left stating that he was going to return in twenty minutes with a tow truck.

At approximately 8:30AM, Deputy Sanders arrived for the second time as a passenger in a red truck driven by an unknown male, later identified as Chase Firestone. Sergeant McKnight said he and Deputy Sanders discussed the truck being abandoned at the residence and Deputy Sanders advised him, *"He told me his buddy had the truck earlier in the night because he was too intoxicated to drive and he got a taxi cab home."* Sergeant McKnight added, *"Deputy Sanders said he gave him (friend) the keys to the truck and took the cab home and said that he would meet with him the next day and work out the arrangements to get the truck."* When asked by Sergeant McKnight, Deputy Sanders was unable to provide the name of the taxi cab he had taken home from Flagler Avenue that evening.

Sergeant McKnight inquired as to the name of the friend Deputy Sanders had given his truck keys to and Deputy Sanders told him Chris Connell, providing an inaccurate spelling of Connell. With the misspelling of the last name, Sergeant McKnight was unable to locate the personal information in the Driver and Vehicle Information Database (DAVID). Sergeant McKnight further stated that he asked for a phone number for Chris Connell but Deputy Sanders said he didn't have it *"...cause he didn't have his cellphone with him..."* Sergeant McKnight went on to say that approximately two minutes after being told he didn't have his cell phone, Deputy Sanders pulled the cell phone from his pocket to call for a tow truck. Sergeant McKnight explained that Deputy Sanders wasn't near another vehicle and that he was in his sight the whole time as he pulled out the cell phone. Deputy Sanders never provided Sergeant McKnight with the phone number as requested.

Deputy Sanders wanted to drive his truck from the scene; however, Sergeant McKnight believed Deputy Sanders may have been too impaired to operate a motor vehicle.

"He had a pretty good odor of alcohol. You know the classic signs I guess you could say of the impairment but also the reporting party said that he had smelled alcohol when he was there the first time so given all these factors I didn't feel comfortable with him driving. I asked him you know do you feel like you're intoxicated? He said no I'm 100% sober is what he told me."

Given his observations of Deputy Sanders coupled with his response, Sergeant McKnight asked Deputy Sanders if he would take a breath test to make sure he was sober enough to operate a vehicle and Deputy Sanders told him, *"...yeah no problem I'll take the test."* Sergeant McKnight administered the breath test and the results were .082, which was over the legal limit. As soon as Deputy Sanders saw the test results he stated that he was calling a tow truck and pulled his cell phone from his pocket.

Sergeant McKnight said Deputy Sanders did not appear agitated nor was he belligerent or argumentative towards the questioning. Deputy Sanders answered all of his questions except for the information about his truck. Sergeant McKnight described Deputy Sanders as being kind of evasive when asked about his friend's name that allegedly drove his truck. Deputy Sanders even asked Sergeant McKnight if he was conducting an inquiry into the incident and it was explained that he needed the information because it's a hit and run crash. Sergeant McKnight said he needed the information and that Deputy Sanders was hesitant to provide it.

Sergeant McKnight examined the damage to the front end of Deputy Sanders truck and it was pretty clear to him that it had struck a small to medium size street sign. Sergeant McKnight contacted Deputy Martin Fletcher and Deputy Andrew Davis and advised them to backtrack from the location on Parsley Lane to Flagler Avenue in an attempt to locate any downed street signs. Given that information, Deputy Fletcher advised Sergeant McKnight of a call NSBPD had earlier in the shift at approximately 6:00 – 6:30AM involving a downed street sign in front of the ABC Liquor on State Road – 44 in New Smyrna Beach.

According to Sergeant McKnight, Deputy Fletcher's preliminary investigation of the damage and evidence left on and around the sign indicated that it belonged to Deputy Sanders truck. Sergeant McKnight said of the evidence on scene, *"There was red transfer paint on the pole itself and part of the honeycomb grill that was the same grill as in the F-150."*

At approximately 11:00PM the evening before, there was a report of a red pick-up driving eastbound in the westbound lanes of State Road – 44 near Interstate – 95. Sergeant McKnight stated that the street sign was originally located in the median at the intersection of Glencoe Road and State Road – 44 which is between a quarter and half mile from where it was found in front of the ABC Liquor store. Sergeant McKnight further added that he was told by deputies there were marks in the grass coming from the westbound lanes, cutting across the median back to the eastbound lane which is consistent with hitting the pole from that side. *(See Tab – D for Official Transcript)*

Deputy Martin Fletcher

On October 29, 2014, Investigator Bennett conducted a sworn recorded interview with Deputy Martin Fletcher at the District-5 headquarters in New Smyrna Beach. The following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Fletcher has been with the Sheriff's Office since 2011. Deputy Fletcher has been assigned to District-5 patrol for approximately two years.

Deputy Fletcher was working on October 15, 2014 and he advised that he did not respond to the location on Parsley Lane; however, he was contacted by Sergeant McKnight at the conclusion of the call to try and find some damaged road signs or debris between Flagler Avenue and Parsley Lane.

Deputy Fletcher remembered hearing NSBPD units call out with a damaged street sign on State Road – 44. Deputy Fletcher researched the call history which lead him to 2360 State Road – 44, the ABC Liquor store, where he located the street sign on the south west side of the intersection. While on scene, Deputy Fletcher recalled seeing the damaged street sign with red transfer paint along with pieces of the honeycomb grill that matched Deputy Sanders truck. Deputy Fletcher said he was aware of the reckless vehicle call the night before that NSBPD handled at approximately 11:30PM. That call referenced a red truck driving eastbound in the westbound lanes of State Road – 44.

After locating the downed street sign, Deputy Fletcher drove west in hopes of finding the position from where the street sign was fixed to the ground. The sign's last known location prior to being struck was in the median at the intersection of Glencoe Road and State Road – 44. Deputy Fletcher observed tire tracks that came from the westbound lanes of State Road – 44 across the median where it struck the sign traveling in an easterly direction. Deputy Fletcher explained, *"You could see where the sign had been hit and then the debris field was east of the intersection at Glencoe where the tire track continued into the appropriate lane and that's where there was a debris field that had a fog lamp, a clear lens that had Ford on it."* Deputy Fletcher estimated the distance from where the sign was in the ground to where it was ultimately found to be approximately one quarter mile.

Deputy Fletcher and Deputy Davis were both on scene where the sign was found. Deputy Fletcher explained that Deputy Davis was contacted by Deputy Sanders while he was on his way to Parsley Lane. According to Deputy Fletcher, Deputy Sanders told Deputy Davis that he received a call from Central advising him of his abandoned truck and that he was on his way to take care of it. Deputy Fletcher also said that Deputy Davis told him about the conversation he had with Deputy Sanders while out on Parsley Lane, *"Yeah I guess he mentioned something to Deputy Davis about a friend had had the vehicle but he didn't want to provide his friends*

information or something.” Deputy Fletcher stated that he never spoke to Deputy Sanders personally. (See Tab – E for Official Transcript)

Deputy Andrew Davis

On October 31, 2014, Investigator Bennett conducted a sworn recorded interview with Deputy Andrew Davis at the District-5 headquarters in New Smyrna Beach. The following is summary of that interview:

Deputy Davis has been with the Sheriff’s Office for approximately three years and has been assigned to patrol duties at District-5 for the last one and a half years.

On October 15, 2014, Deputy Davis was working and recalled responding to Parsley Lane reference a suspicious vehicle. After being dispatched, Deputy Davis overheard Central notifying Sergeant McKnight that the vehicle in question was registered to a deputy. Deputy Davis, after hearing the transmission, checked his Mobile Data Computer (MDC) and discovered the registered owner was Deputy Sanders. While enroute to Parsley Lane, Deputy Davis conducted a traffic stop on an unrelated vehicle just west of Samsula Drive on State Road – 44. Deputy Davis remembered Deputy Sanders calling him and explaining that he was aware of his truck and that he spoke to the homeowner. Deputy Davis replied, “*...I said ok man... ‘cause we didn’t have anything that it [abandoned truck] was damaged. It was a, just a vehicle in the yard.*” Deputy Davis later learned that Deputy Sanders had been at the residence on Parsley Lane, collected some items and started his truck prior to his arrival.

When Deputy Davis arrived on scene, Deputy Sanders had already been there and left. Deputy Davis explained that prior to leaving the first time the reporting party, Lori Comer, contacted Central a second time because she was worried Deputy Sanders may have been too impaired to drive. Deputy Davis was informed by Ms. Comer that Deputy Sanders said one of his buddies borrowed his truck and left it on her property; however, she didn’t believe him because he smelled of alcohol.

As far as the conversation with Ms. Comer, Deputy Davis remembered, “*...she [Ms. Comer] just said he smelled of alcohol...so she called back even before I got to her residence and said hey, look he’s [Deputy Sanders] here, he’s coming to get the car but I’m [Ms. Comer] worried ‘cause he smells of alcohol.*” Ms. Comer advised that Deputy Sanders arrived the first time, driving a black Chevy truck, looked at his damaged truck, and gathered some belongings before driving away.

According to Deputy Davis, Ms. Comer’s daughter had come home at approximately 1:00AM on the morning of October 15th and she reportedly saw Deputy Sanders truck parked. Her daughter was unable to see the damage to the front end based on how the truck was parked.

Sometime later, Deputy Sanders arrived back at the residence as a passenger in a red pick-up truck. Deputy Davis initially did not make contact with Deputy Sanders, as Sergeant McKnight spoke to him independently. When Deputy Davis did engage in conversation with Deputy Sanders he explained, *"Yeah, I mean coupled with the smell [of alcohol] and the, the look, you know I mean, he had the glazed eyes and kind of grogginess. I mean it was kind of evident that he was [impaired]."* According to Deputy Davis, had he encountered an individual operating a motor vehicle that exhibited the same signs of impairment, he would have them conduct field sobriety exercises. These indicators of impairment that Deputy Davis observed were approximately a half hour to forty five minutes after Deputy Sanders had driven the black Chevy pick-up truck to the residence on Parsley Lane. Deputy Sanders left driving the same pick-up prior to deputies arriving

Deputy Sanders informed Deputy Davis that he was out on Flagler Avenue the night before with friends and denied driving his truck later that evening. Deputy Sanders told him that he drove his truck to Flagler Avenue, gave his keys to a friend and took a taxi cab home because he was too intoxicated to drive. At first, Deputy Sanders was reluctant to provide the name of that friend to Sergeant McKnight. After finally giving the name of Chris Connell, Sergeant McKnight inquired whether or not he had a contact number for him. According to Deputy Davis, when Deputy Sanders was asked for Chris Connell's phone number he advised Sergeant McKnight that he did not have his cell phone with him. A short time later, Deputy Sanders pulled his cell phone from his pocket in order to call for a tow truck. Deputy Davis said he remembered Deputy Sanders pulling his cell phone out of his pocket, *"I remember that because when he pulled it out just watching he was looking at his phone you know I could tell he wasn't thinking about calling a tow truck."* During questioning with Deputy Davis, he made the gesture as if he was demonstrating how Deputy Sanders' hand was shaking while he pulled out his cell phone. Deputy Davis confirmed that Deputy Sanders hand was in fact shaking.

Deputy Davis advised that prior to providing the name, Chris Connell, he had a conversation with Deputy Sanders. Deputy Davis explained a portion of that conversation:

"...I [Deputy Davis] said if you [Deputy Sanders] were driving you just need to come clean man 'cause what I saw was just unbelievable, like it's no one would believe it and I said. And he said I wasn't F-ing driving and he's like, he's like, I was like ok I'm just telling you just come clean and he said well it doesn't matter anyway 'cause I'm not giving up my friend's name. He said what's the worst their gonna do to me. He's like I'll get write up over it and I was like, I just I had nothing to say. I was like ok. And he's like yeah. He's like I'm not throwing my friend under the bus for this."

Deputy Davis explained that Deputy Sanders was unable to drive his damaged truck home because Sergeant McKnight believed he may have been too impaired to operate a motor vehicle.

At approximately 8:00AM, Deputy Sanders consented to a breath test from Sergeant McKnight. Deputy Davis stated that Deputy Sanders blew a .082, which was over the legal limit.

Deputy Davis along with Deputy Fletcher both reviewed the calls for service the previous night and went looking for a downed traffic sign. Deputy Davis said they both came upon the traffic sign lying on the ground at the entrance of the ABC Liquor store on State Road – 44. Deputy Davis recovered debris from the truck that had struck the sign. A piece of the grill was found along with a fog lamp that had Ford written on it. The sign pole had red transfer paint that matched Deputy Sanders damaged red Ford F-150. Deputy Davis also made mention of the reckless vehicle that Central had dispatched to NSBPD units the prior evening, October 14th at 11:05PM. *(See Tab – F for Official Transcript)*

Investigator Bennett went to the Murphy Express convenience store located at the corner of Colony Park Road and State Road – 44 in New Smyrna Beach to inquire about security video. Investigator Bennett reviewed the video footage of the cameras pointed in the direction of State Road – 44 during the time the reckless vehicle was reported. The cameras provided no clear vantage point to identify any of the vehicles traveling on State Road – 44.

Lori Comer

On November 3, 2014, Investigator Bennett conducted a sworn recorded telephone interview with Lori Comer. The following is a summary of that interview:

Ms. Comer resides at 3777 Parsley Lane in Samsula and she was the reporting party involving Deputy Sanders red Ford F-150. At approximately 6:00AM on the morning of October 14th, Ms. Comer went out to her vehicle to place something in the trunk for work when she discovered Deputy Sanders' abandoned truck. Ms. Comer described the truck being parked between her Camaro and her daughters Pathfinder. Ms. Comer stated that the truck was parked within an inch or two from both her and her daughter's respective vehicles. Ms. Comer went back in her house and woke her husband and notified the Sheriff's Office.

At approximately 7:30AM, after notifying the Sheriff's Office, Ms. Comer stated that a young man, later identified as Deputy Sanders, pulled up driving a black 4X4 extended cab truck. Deputy Sanders got out of the driver seat and advised Ms. Comer that the red truck belonged to him. Deputy Sanders explained to Ms. Comer that a friend had driven the truck the night before and he did not know where he had left it. Ms. Comer told him that the Sheriff's Office had been notified and Deputy Sanders responded, *"...he said he knows that they [Sheriff's Office] called him and told him where the truck was and he apologized. He said it was his friend that drove."* Ms. Comer said that during their conversation, *"...I smelled the booze on him real bad."* Ms. Comer was asked if she believed Deputy Sanders had driven the damaged truck and she replied, *"I think he got drunk somewhere and just did something and ditched it [truck] here."*

According to Ms. Comer, while on scene Deputy Sanders walked up to the truck as if he knew it was damaged. Ms. Comer stated, *"I felt that he was the one that put it [truck] there."* Ms. Comer said it was all too weird and she got the notion that he drove the damaged truck onto her property himself.

At the conclusion of their conversation, Deputy Sanders asked Ms. Comer if he could leave the truck on her property because he didn't have his wallet and needed to get a credit card for a tow truck. Ms. Comer went back into her house and watched from her kitchen window as Deputy Sanders went into his damaged truck and retrieved a shirt and a little black bag. She then watched Deputy Sanders get into the driver's seat of the black truck and drive away. Ms. Comer then waited at her residence until the deputies arrived.

It should be noted that Deputy Sanders never provided his name nor did he identify himself as a deputy sheriff to Ms. Comer. *(See Tab – G for Official Transcript)*

Officer Josh Holloway

On November 4, 2014, Investigator Bennett conducted a sworn recorded interview with Officer Josh Holloway with the New Smyrna Beach Police Department in New Smyrna Beach. The following is a summary of that interview:

Officer Holloway has been a motors officer for approximately nine years. He has received training in traffic homicide and advanced traffic homicide investigations. Officer Holloway was assigned the criminal case involving Deputy Sanders Ford F-150 as a hit & run. At the time, the only suspect in the case was Deputy Sanders.

On the day Officer Holloway was assigned the case, he happened to find Deputy Sanders' truck parked at Liberty Collision in New Smyrna Beach. Officer Holloway spoke to an employee at Liberty Collision who advised him that an employee of Chrysler, Jeep Dodge of New Smyrna Beach, Chase Firestone, had the truck brought in for an estimate on the damage. Officer Holloway went back to his office and left a message for Deputy Sanders to call him.

In the meantime, Officer Holloway contacted Mr. Firestone and conducted an interview. According to Officer Holloway, Mr. Firestone told him that on the morning of October 15th, Deputy Sanders called him and asked for a ride to his truck which was located at a residence on Parsley Lane. According to Officer Holloway, Mr. Firestone never mentioned anything about taking Deputy Sanders to Flagler Avenue, as was stated by Deputy Sanders to Officer Holloway during his interview, and he was hesitant in answering some of his questions.

After interviewing Mr. Firestone, Officer Holloway went back to his office and noticed that Deputy Sanders had returned his call. Deputy Sanders advised him that he was at Liberty Collision trying to get his truck towed back to his house because it was totaled out. Officer Holloway went to Liberty Collision and conducted an interview with Deputy Sanders.

Officer Holloway read Deputy Sanders his Miranda rights and began to question him as part of his criminal investigation. Deputy Sanders admitted to Officer Holloway that it was probably his truck that struck the pole; however, he had no idea who was driving or how the truck got to Parsley Lane. Deputy Sanders told him that he took a taxi cab home from a Flagler Avenue bar that night; however, he had no idea what the name of the taxi cab company was.

During the interview with Officer Holloway, Deputy Sanders stated that he put the truck keys in his truck and he assumed that it was his friend, Chris Connell that may have driven the truck that evening. Following that statement, Deputy Sanders clarified that he had since spoken to Mr. Connell who advised him he did not drive the truck that night. Deputy Sanders told Officer Holloway that he drank too much Tequila while at a bar on Flagler Avenue and, "*...he doesn't know who was trying to take care of him and called him a cab home.*"

Officer Holloway explained to Investigator Bennett that Deputy Sanders told him, "*...he actually, he did say my car, my vehicle was stolen.*" Officer Holloway asked if he wanted to file a stolen vehicle report and Deputy Sanders replied, "*...what's the point it's already, the damage is done.*"

Officer Holloway explained to Investigator Bennett that there were some inconsistencies in the stories between Mr. Firestone and Deputy Sanders. Deputy Sanders said when he woke up on the morning of October 15th, he thought his truck was still on Flagler Avenue and he called Mr. Firestone for a ride. Furthermore, when the two got to Flagler Avenue and couldn't find the truck, he called Central to inquire whether it was towed. According to Deputy Sanders, it was during his conversation with Central that he learned of his truck being on Parsley Lane. Mr. Firestone advised Officer Holloway that Deputy Sanders only needed a ride to his truck on Parsley Lane; he said nothing about taking Deputy Sanders to Flagler Avenue.

At the time of interview with Officer Holloway, there were no criminal charges pending in relation to the hit & run investigation. *(See Tab - H for Official Transcript)*

Christopher Connell

On November 5, 2014, Investigator Bennett conducted a sworn recorded telephone interview with Christopher Connell. The following is a summary of that interview:

Mr. Connell said he has known Deputy Sanders for approximately ten years. On October 14th, Mr. Connell was working his normal dayshift at Clancey's on Flagler Avenue. Mr. Connell could not recall seeing Deputy Sanders at Clancey's nor does he remember socializing with him that evening. Mr. Connell has been on probation and is not permitted to consume alcohol nor is he to be in an alcohol establishment excluding his place of employment.

Mr. Connell was never given the keys or told anything about the keys in Deputy Sanders truck. Mr. Connell further stated that he never received any phone calls from Deputy Sanders that

evening nor did he give him a ride anywhere. Mr. Connell advised Investigator Bennett, *"I don't believe I've talked to him in a couple months to be honest."* (See Tab – I for Official Transcript)

Jeff Curtis

On November 6, 2014, Investigator Bennett and Sergeant Tatum conducted a sworn recorded interview with Jeff Curtis at 800 Turnbull Street in New Smyrna Beach. The following is a summary of that interview:

Mr. Curtis was the owner of Liberty Collision where Deputy Sanders damaged truck was taken for a repair estimate. Mr. Curtis was present when the truck arrived at his business.

Mr. Curtis stated that the damaged truck arrived via Bishops Towing at the direction of Chase Firestone who worked for New Smyrna Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge. Mr. Curtis recalled having a conversation with Mr. Firestone either in person or over the phone about the truck possibly striking a sign. Mr. Curtis said he was never told who was driving the truck nor did he ask.

Mr. Curtis stated that Deputy Sanders was at his business throughout the day organizing its removal after he was provided an estimate. Mr. Curtis recalled Deputy Sanders stating that he was going to try and sell the truck.

Karen Eichenburg, partial owner of Liberty Collision, advised Investigator Bennett that she had asked Deputy Sanders what happened to the truck. According to Ms. Eichenburg, Deputy Sanders advised her that a friend had taken his truck and gotten into an accident. (See Tab – J for Official Transcript)

Investigator Bennett contacted Central who advised him that Deputy Sanders did in fact call them the morning of October 15th and asked if there was any record of his personal vehicle in the tow file from the night before. Central advised him that deputies were responding to a suspicious vehicle, which was registered to him, at an address on Parsley Lane which was registered to him. Deputy Sanders asked for the name of the deputy and he said he was going to contact him.

Deputy Breck Sanders

On November 12, 2014, Investigator Bennett and Sergeant Tom Tatum conducted a sworn recorded interview with Deputy Sanders at the sheriff's administrative offices in Deland. The following is a summary of that interview:

Deputy Sanders, a probationary deputy, has been with the Sheriff's Office for approximately one and a half years and has been assigned to patrol duties in District-2 since December of 2013.

On Tuesday October 14, 2014, Deputy Sanders drove his red Ford F-150 to an bar/restaurant named Clancey's located on Flagler Avenue in New Smyrna Beach. Deputy Sanders arrived at

Clancey's at approximately 2:30PM that afternoon and parked his truck in the rear of the business.

Deputy Sanders said he was at Clancey's with his friend Chris Connell, who happened to be the bartender. While at Clancey's, he claimed Mr. Connell over served him alcohol before joining him at Barracudas Bar and Grill (Barracudas), another bar/restaurant just off Flagler Avenue. Investigator Bennett advised Deputy Sanders that during Mr. Connell's interview he stated he had not spoken to Deputy Sanders in several months. When asked why Mr. Connell would lie, Deputy Sanders said, *"He's on probation, he very well could be in trouble for over serving [alcohol] at the restaurant so."* Deputy Sanders further stated during a conversation with Mr. Connell on October 15th, he advised he could not recall the events from that evening.

According to Deputy Sanders, after Mr. Connell finished his shift at Clancey's the two drank alcohol throughout the night. The two went to Barracudas; however, Deputy Sanders claimed he didn't know how he got there and said, *"Fragments. Everything's just pieces of the night. So yeah he was with me throughout the night past that point. Started off him being the bartender, me being the customer. He's a friend of mine. I got there because he bartends and then we just continued on after that and drank throughout the night."* Deputy Sanders said he drank Tequila that evening and, *"Uh, it's never been a good experience with Tequila for me. Just seems to make me black out."*

Deputy Sanders attempted to provide a timeline of events that evening. He stated that he started at Clancey's around 2:30 – 3:00PM and explained, *"I drank way too much of everything...Every kind of alcohol you can imagine."* He then continued to provide further information but advised his memory of that evening was in fragments. After Clancey's he said he could barely remember being at Barracudas. He then remembered being at another bar/restaurant named Merk's Bar and Grill (Merk's). Deputy Sanders said he didn't remember how he traveled from one bar to the next, *"I have no, no idea. No idea. I blacked out. I drank way, way, way too much."* When asked where his truck keys were, Deputy Sanders stated that they were left in his truck. He said he typically locks them in the truck and will utilize the keyless entry to gain access.

Deputy Sanders was unable to provide a time he left Merk's, which according to him was the last place he was at drinking. Deputy Sanders remembered getting into a car he believed to be a taxi cab; however, he could not recall the name of the cab company. Deputy Sanders stated that he was only with Mr. Connell and no other friends were with him when they went to different bar/restaurant establishments around Flagler Avenue.

Deputy Sanders was advised that there was no record of a taxi cab fare going to his residence [REDACTED] on October 14th or 15th. Deputy Sanders stated, *"I don't know, to tell you the truth that part is unexplainable. I was too, I hate to say it, I was too drunk."*

On the morning of October 15th, Deputy Sanders said he woke up at his residence with the memory of leaving his truck parked on Flagler Avenue. He got into his father's black Chevy

truck and drove to Flagler Avenue only to find it was not there. As he drove back from Flagler Avenue, he stated that he was running out of options so he called Central to see if his truck had been towed. Deputy Sanders stated that he called the non-emergency number and spoke to an unidentified male and female. He was then advised that his truck was found abandoned in a front yard on Parsley Lane. It was during that time he said he received a call from Deputy Davis.

Deputy Sanders produced a printout of a detailed cellular usage bill. The bill showed that he received a call from Deputy Davis's personal cell phone at 7:13AM; however, there is no record of him calling Central. Investigator Bennett contacted Central and was advised that Deputy Sanders did in fact call their non-emergency number on October 15th. Central provided a copy of the audio from the phone conversations involving Deputy Sanders. (*See Tab – O for audio from phone call, See Tab – N for cell phone bill*)

When asked if his friend Chase Firestone had gone with him to Flagler Avenue he replied, "No. No, Chase didn't." Investigator Bennett advised Deputy Sanders that the NSBPD report written by Officer Holloway stated, "Mr. Sanders stated he woke up the next morning and called a friend, Chase Firestone, to give him a ride to his truck on Flagler Avenue." Deputy Sanders then advised Investigator Bennett that he called Mr. Firestone to pick him up at his house and take him back to his damaged truck on Parsley Lane only after he was there by himself. Deputy Sanders explained that after he went to Parsley Lane on his own, he headed back to his residence and thought; rather than spend the money to have the truck towed he would call Mr. Firestone and get a ride back to his truck.

When Deputy Sanders first arrived on Parsley lane alone, he said he immediately went to the front door and made contact with the homeowner, Ms. Comer. He then went to his damaged truck, started the engine, grabbed a cell phone charger and the vehicles keys. Deputy Sanders said Ms. Comer told him that she notified law enforcement which he acknowledged and continued on his way back to his house to get his wallet for a tow truck.

Deputy Sanders was asked why he would leave his damaged truck since he was advised the deputies were on their way. He responded by saying that he was not thinking clearly because he was drinking the evening before. Deputy Sanders continued to explain that he was embarrassed over the incident and that he was trying to calm Ms. Comer. Deputy Sanders stood by the decision to leave the scene but claimed his decision making skills were clouded by the lack of sleep and alcohol.

Investigator Bennett inquired as to how he could operate a motor vehicle given the alcohol and lack of sleep clouding his decision making skills. Deputy Sanders stated, "I felt 100% absolutely. I was sober." Deputy Sanders clarified that his decision making skills, not his ability to operate a motor vehicle were clouded. He clarified his thought process by stating, "My faculties as far as being able to operate a vehicle and, and clearly see and you know the feeling of not being intoxicated was there. I did not feel intoxicated." Investigator Bennett then

commented, "About an hour later based on your blood alcohol level according to your breath .082, the state law says other wise and that's an hour later...So one can only imagine what your blood alcohol was at 7:30ish [AM]," and he replied, "MmmHm."

While Deputy Sanders was on scene, Sergeant McKnight asked him questions as to what occurred. Deputy Sanders said he provided Sergeant McKnight answers to all his questions pertaining to the night in question. He said that he provided the name Chris Connell but did not have his phone number since his cell phone was not on his person. Deputy Sanders said he went to Mr. Firestone's truck, from which he arrived on scene in, and retrieved his cell phone from inside the cab. Deputy Sanders said Sergeant McKnight's account of him taking his cell phone out of his pocket was inaccurate. Deputy Sanders stated, "I said I didn't have it on me. On my person at the time. I read the report he [Sergeant McKnight] says he saw me pull it out of my pocket. I, I clearly walked back to the truck to go get it to call a tow truck so."

Deputy Sanders was questioned as to his comment to Deputy Davis about not giving up his friends name and only receiving a write up as discipline. He said he was venting to Deputy Davis and he was unsure why Deputy Davis made that comment. Deputy Sanders further stated, "Ok. Was that recorded [comment to Deputy Davis] 'cause I don't remember saying that and that's the truth."

Deputy Sanders had no idea who had driven his truck and left it with approximately \$8,000.00 in damage. When asked why he didn't file a stolen vehicle report with NSBPD he replied, "I think the embarrassment side of it got me more than anything. I think I wanted to be done with everything at that point in time. So, so no I didn't report it stolen."

When questioned, Deputy Sanders had the following response as to whether he felt he violated the following policies:

26.2.107 Untruthfulness in an Official Proceeding (not under oath) – No
Employees shall not knowingly make false statements to a supervisor or to any official of a government agency during an official proceeding of the Department or other government agency even though such statements are not made under oath. (Violation subject up to dismissal.)

26.2.129 Misdemeanor Injurious to the Department – Department personnel No
shall adhere to all federal, state and local laws and shall not commit any act or crime defined as a misdemeanor, first or second degree, whether chargeable or not, which brings discredit upon the Department or otherwise impairs the operation and efficiency of the Sheriff's Office and/or which is likely to impair the ability of personnel concerned to perform assigned duties. (Violation subject to dismissal.)

Volusia County Merit System Rules and Regulations 86-453 (13) – Any Yes
conduct, on or off duty, that reflects unfavorably on the County as an employer. *(This violation 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.)*

(See Tab – M for Official Transcript)

Charles “Chase” Firestone

On December 1, 2014, Investigator Bennett conducted a sworn recorded interview with Charles “Chase” Firestone at 1300 North Dixie Freeway in New Smyrna Beach. Mr. Firestone had just recently gotten back from vacation which delayed his interview for the investigation. The following is a summary of that interview:

Mr. Firestone has been friends with Deputy Sanders for approximately fifteen years. The two attended middle school together and remained friends ever since.

Mr. Firestone stated that he received a call the night of October 14th from either Deputy Sanders or Mr. Connell and was asked to accompany them for an evening out. Mr. Firestone said he declined the invitation because he had to be at work the following morning.

On the following morning of October 15th, Mr. Firestone said he received a call from Deputy Sanders at approximately 8:00AM. Deputy Sanders asked him for a ride to get his truck. Mr. Firestone said he drove to Deputy Sanders’ residence, picked him up and took him to an address on Parsley Lane.

According to Mr. Firestone, Deputy Sanders told him he woke up that morning and didn’t know where his truck was. Deputy Sanders then called the Sheriff’s Office and was advised his truck was at an address in Samsula. Mr. Firestone specified that he never took Deputy Sanders to Flagler Avenue as indicated in the NSBPD report since he already knew where his truck was parked.

After taking Deputy Sanders to his truck on Parsley Lane, Mr. Firestone said he then took him back to his house. The damaged truck was taken to Liberty Collision because Deputy Sanders asked Mr. Firestone if he could recommend a collision repair specialist.

Mr. Firestone said that Deputy Sanders never informed him how his truck sustained the damage or why it was parked at 3777 Parsley Lane. According to Mr. Firestone, Deputy Sanders advised him, *“The whole thing, he kept telling me was just, I don’t remember. I don’t even know why it’s here [3777 Parsley Avenue].”*

Mr. Firestone was asked about his statement that he made to the employee at Liberty Collision that his friend had hit a pole. Mr. Firestone denied making the statement; he described the conversation as an assumption that it was a pole the truck crashed into based on the damage. Both he and the employee with Liberty Collision were both looking at it and came to the same conclusion.

Mr. Firestone stated that he was unaware that Deputy Sanders had been to the address on Parsley Lane before he brought him. Furthermore, Mr. Firestone did not know who resided at the Parsley Lane address. *(See Tab – L for Official Transcript)*

**Christopher Connell
Second Interview**

On December 2, 2014, Investigator Bennett conducted another sworn recorded interview with Christopher Connell at the District-5 headquarters in New Smyrna Beach. The following is a summary of that interview:

Mr. Connell advised that he believed Deputy Sanders was aware of his probation status; however, he could not recall a specific conversation when he advised him of such status. Mr. Connell was then asked if he was with Deputy Sanders during the evening of October 14th and he stated that he was. Mr. Connell said that after he finished working at Clancey's that evening he accompanied Deputy Sanders to different alcohol establishments.

Mr. Connell could not recall how Deputy Sanders got home that evening since he left before Deputy Sanders. *(See Tab – K for Official Transcript)*

CONCLUSION:

On December 16, 2014, this investigation was presented to the Sheriff and his administrative staff. After review, the Sheriff determined the violations of the below listed Department Standards Directive to be:

26.2.107 Untruthfulness in an Official Proceeding (not under oath) – Sustained
Employees shall not knowingly make false statements to a supervisor or to any official of a government agency during an official proceeding of the Department or other government agency even though such statements are not made under oath. *(Violation subject up to dismissal.)*

26.2.129 Misdemeanor Injurious to the Department – Sustained
Department personnel shall adhere to all federal, state and local laws and shall not commit any act or crime defined as a misdemeanor, first or second degree, whether chargeable or not, which brings discredit upon the Department or otherwise impairs the operation and efficiency of the Sheriff's Office and/or which is likely to impair the ability of personnel concerned to perform assigned duties. *(Violation subject to dismissal.)*

Volusia County Merit System Rules and Regulations 86-453 (13) – Any Sustained conduct, on or off duty, that reflects unfavorably on the County as an employer. *(This violation 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.)*

Sheriff Johnson tentatively determined the discipline for Deputy Sanders to be: a demotion in rank from Deputy II to Telecommunicator 1, with a reduction in pay to that of a Telecommunicator 1; a two hundred and forty hour (240) suspension without pay; and Deputy Sanders would sign a last chance agreement, agreeing to the terms within, as a condition of employment.

On January 5, 2015, Deputy Sanders was served with his "Intent to Suspend and Demote" letter and provided a copy of the "Last Chance Agreement".

Deputy Sanders scheduled a pre-discipline hearing with Sheriff Johnson on January 13, 2015. Deputy Sanders appeared before Sheriff Johnson to provide any mitigating circumstances prior to his final discipline. After earnest consideration; Sheriff Johnson determined the final discipline to be: a demotion from the rank of Deputy II to the rank of Reserve Deputy, with a reduction in pay to that of a reserve deputy; a two hundred and forty (240) hour suspension without pay; and Deputy Sanders would abide by the conditions set forth in the last chance agreement as a condition of employment within the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Sanders was served with his final letter of demotion and suspension, along with the last chance agreement at the Volusia County Administration building, 123 W Indiana Avenue in Deland, Florida.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Report of Investigation
- B. Official Correspondence
- C. Advisement Administration of Oath/Perjury Warning/Garrity Warning
- D. Official Transcripts of Sergeant Omar McKnight
- E. Official Transcripts of Deputy Martin Fletcher
- F. Official Transcripts of Deputy Andrew Davis
- G. Official Transcripts of Lori Comer
- H. Official Transcript of Officer Josh Holloway

- I. Official Transcript of Christopher Connell
- J. Official Transcript of Jeff Curtis
- K. Official Transcripts of Christopher Connell #2
- L. Official Transcript of Charles "Chase" Firestone
- M. Official Transcript of Deputy Breck Sanders
- N. Miscellaneous Documents
- O. Digital Media

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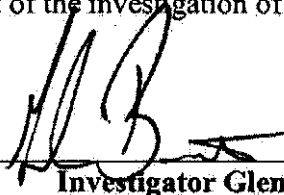
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I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, under the penalty of perjury, that, to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive, the suspect of the investigation of any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

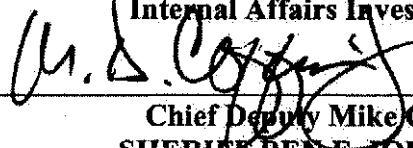
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