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Internal Investigation Disposition

Subject Officer:	Master Deputy David Velez	**Tracking Number:**	IA-25-56
Policy Violation:	**General Order 27, Section A, Subsection 6-**Departure from the Truth. **General Order 27 Section A. 13.** Commission of a criminal act in violation of a State or Federal Statute. **General Order 27 Section A. 24.** Mental or physical abuse of any prisoner in custody or the use of unnecessary force in making an arrest or preventing an escape. **General Order 27 Section A. 33.** Conduct unbecoming an officer which may not be specifically set forth in these rules and regulations.		

M/D Velez is alleged to have used excessive force to affect an arrest. The incident is documented under LCSO case number 250113382.

Investigative Assignment

_____ No further investigation is warranted

_____ Assigned to Bureau Commander or Designee for investigation

__✓__ Assigned to Internal Affairs for investigation

Comments:

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_____ 10/15/2025

Division Major or Designee **Date**

Recommended Disposition of Division Major or Designee

____ **UNFOUNDED**: The investigation indicated that the act or acts complained of did not occur, or failed to involve Sheriff's Department personnel

____ **EXONERATED**: The acts did occur, but were justified, lawful, and proper.

_✓_ **SUSTAINED**: There is sufficient information and/or evidence to clearly prove the allegations made in the complaint

_✓_ **NOT SUSTAINED**: There is insufficient information and/or evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegations in the complaint

Comments: Sustained for GO 27 A.33 Conduct unbecoming
Sustained for GO. 27 A.7 Neglect to Perform Any Duty

Division Major or Designee — **Date** 11/24/25

Chief Deputy's Final Disposition (or Designee)

_✓_ **I Concur With Findings**

____ **I Do Not Concur With Findings**

Comments: _____

Glen Hall, Chief Deputy (or Designee) — **Date** 10/2/25

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Office of Professional Standards

Report of Internal Investigation IA-25-56

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Subject Officer(s): Master Deputy David Velez	Investigator: Sergeant Gary Abbott

Synopsis:

The Lake County Sheriff's Office discovered during a use-of-force review that M/D David Velez used his issued taser to subdue a subject. The incident was documented under LCSO case number 250113382. The complainant alleged that M/D Velez unnecessarily tased him. The complainant stated he wished to file a formal complaint and file criminal charges.

Investigative Report:

On October 15, 2025, Captain Shawn Vance submitted a memorandum, and it reads as follows:

On October 15, 2025, Lieutenant Mike Ross notified me during a phone conversation of concerns he had regarding the deployment of an electronic control device by Master Deputy David Velez during a call for service (250113382). Sergeant Adam Kelly is drafting

a memo currently to document similar concerns he shared regarding unprofessional conduct and potential policy violations demonstrated by M/D Velez during the incident.

Upon reviewing the incident, I determined that M/D Velez demonstrated a significant lack of professionalism while interacting with Stephan Wahl (arrestee). Mr. Wahl's resistance level did not warrant the deployment of an electronic control device by M/D Velez.

M/D Velez mischaracterized and misquoted the statements made by Mr. Wahl while describing the use of force incident to a supervisor on scene. M/D Velez used unprofessional and unnecessary profanity throughout the incident, which included an exchange of insults with Mr. Wahl after he was detained safely. M/D Velez's incident report does not describe the tone and specific details of the incident accurately.

M/D Velez uploaded the body camera video captured during his initial contact with Mr. Wahl, which is approximately 35 minutes in length. The following body camera timeline identifies the primary concerns upon reviewing the incident:

1:19 Mr. Wahl asks, "Could you please not come on the property?"
1:20 M/D Velez responds, "Uh, yeah that's not how this works."
1:22 Mr. Wahl asks, "What do you mean?"

1:23 M/D Velez states "I'm here for a reason because someone called so don't fucking tell me what you would like me to do because that is not how this works."
1:38 Mr. Wahl states that he is handicapped multiple times.
1:40 M/D Velez states "there is no I'm handicapped; we're not playing these games bro."
1:45 Mr. Wahl then walks towards M/D Velez's location in the driveway and asks "what investigation are you here for bro?" Mr. Wahl appeared to be recording with a cell phone in his raised right hand while his left hand was raised and open.
1:46 M/D Velez states "I need you to identify yourself."
1:48 From a stationary position in the driveway, Mr. Wahl continues to inquire why M/D Velez is at the property.

1:49 M/D Velez draws his electronic control device and deploys two darts without warning. M/D Velez states, "get on the fucking ground" and deploys a third dart, which incapacitated Mr. Wahl and caused him to drop to the ground. M/D Velez then utters "sitting here with your stupid shit" as he places handcuffs on Mr. Wahl.

5:22 Mr. Wahl curses and insults M/D Velez with profane language while handcuffed in a seated position. M/D Velez then trades insults with Mr. Wahl. M/D Velez calls Mr. Wahl a "coward" and an "absolute punk".

6:01 M/D Velez loses his temper further and tells Mr. Wahl to "shut up you fucking idiot."

6:26 M/D Velez describes to Mr. Wahl's mother, Debra Wahl, that he has an order to remove certain things or persons from the property. M/D Velez interrupts Mrs. Wahl as she attempts to ask questions about the court order.

6:46 M/D Velez tells Mrs. Wahl that Mr. Wahl told him to "fuck off and leave the property" as he walked up, which contradicts body camera footage.

7:13 M/D Velez tells Mrs. Wahl "He literally told me to go fuck myself and get off his property," which contradicts body camera footage.

8:17 M/D Velez tells his supervisor, Corporal Danny Hart, that Mr. Wahl told him to "fuck off and get off his property" shortly after arriving, which contradicts body camera footage. M/D Velez states that he told Mr. Wahl that is not how this works and said that Mr. Wahl then stated, "fuck you get the fuck out of here," which contradicts body camera footage. M/D Velez then told Cpl. Hart he told Mr. Wahl he needed to identify him and he "walked toward me like he wanted to fight me so I tased him."

8:42 M/D Velez referred to Mr. Wahl as he told Cpl. Hart "I don't have a clue who he is." 11:05 M/D Velez muted his body camera and kept it muted for the remainder of the video

(34:43 video runtime). M/D Velez appeared to discuss the court order in detail during two separate conversations with the petitioner and the respondent while the body camera is muted.

M/D Velez's behavior during the call for service violated General Order 4 - Use of Force, which covers authorized use of force options to meet subject resistance levels and General

Order 27 - Personal Conduct and Disciplinary Process, which addresses conduct unbecoming an employee.

Based on the apparent policy violations, I recommend the circumstances surrounding this incident be forwarded to Internal Affairs for further review.

On October 15, 2025, M/D Velez was served his subject officer notification and placed on administrative leave with pay. He was also given his officer's bill of rights. On October 16, 2025, this detective contacted Mr. Stephan Wahl about the incident. Mr. Wahl stated he wanted to file a formal complaint against M/D Velez. He further said he wished to prosecute M/D Velez for tasing him without cause. Mr. Wahl stated that M/D Velez came to his residence and tased him for no reason.

On October 17, 2025, Sergeant Adam Kelly submitted a memorandum, and it reads as follows:

On October 14, 2025, Master Deputy Velez responded to regarding a civil dispute. The homeowner reported that a family member residing at the residence was removing property from the home in violation of a court-issued motion-to- stay order requiring that all items remain on-site.

Upon arrival, Deputy Velez approached the driveway and encountered Stephan Dale Wahl, the family member in question. As Deputy Velez approached, Mr. Wahl stated, "Can you please not come on the property?" Deputy Velez replied, "Uh, yeah, that's not how this works." Mr. Wahl asked, "What do you mean?"

Deputy Velez responded, "I'm here for a reason because someone called. So don't fucking tell me what you would like me to do, cause that's not how this works, okay? We've got body cameras if you need a recording." This statement was made after Mr. Wahl began recording with his cell phone.

Deputy Velez continued, stating he was conducting an investigation and needed identification from everyone present. Mr. Wahl said, "I'm handicapped," to which Deputy Velez replied, "There is no 'I'm handicapped.' We're not playing these games, bro."

Mr. Wahl then asked, "What investigation are you here for, bro?" while holding his phone in one hand and raising his other hand with an open palm. He took approximately two steps forward, then stopped, maintaining about eight to ten feet of distance, and again asked, "What investigation are you here for, bro?"

Without giving any verbal warning or command, Deputy Velez deployed his Taser. Immediately after deployment, Deputy Velez yelled, "Get on the fucking ground." *Mr.* Wahl responded, "I didn't do anything," and at that point, both individuals began speaking simultaneously, making much of the audio unintelligible. During this exchange, Deputy Velez can be heard making a statement ending with, "...you with your shit."

Upon reviewing the body-worn camera footage, Mr. Wahl made no overtly aggressive or threatening movements. His hands were clearly visible, one holding his phone, the other open. After taking two steps forward, he ceased movement and continued speaking to Deputy Velez. There were no observable behaviors suggesting an immediate threat.

Policy Review
General Order 4- Use of Force
Section A (3) - Excessive Use of Force:
"Use of force that exceeds the degree of force permitted by law, policy, or the observing officer's employing agency." The subject's behavior did not present active resistance or threat.

Section B(2)(c) - De-escalation:
"De-escalation techniques are defined as taking action or communicating verbally or non-verbally during a potential force encounter in an attempt to stabilize the situation and reduce the immediacy of the threat so that more time, options, and resources can be called

upon to resolve the situation without the use of force or with a reduction in the force necessary. De- escalation techniques are required whenever possible." Deputy Velez's language and demeanor escalated tension from the start instead of stabilizing the situation. Section B (3) - "Warnings Prior to Deployment of Intermediate Weapons: "Deputies are expected, when feasible, to provide a verbal warning before deploying an electronic control device." No such warning was issued.

Conclusion

Based on review of the body-worn camera footage, Deputy Velez deployed his Taser without issuing any verbal warning or command, and the subject made no observable movements indicating threat or resistance. Deputy Velez's language, tone, and use of force appear inconsistent with General Order 4 (Use of Force) and General Order 27 (Personal Conduct and Disciplinary Process).

It should be noted that Master Deputy Velez recently returned to road patrol duties after serving several years within the Criminal Investigations Bureau. This transition back to uniformed field operations may have contributed to differences in approach, situational assessment, and communication under stress.

Master Deputy Velez has consistently demonstrated himself to be an exceptional deputy and a valued team player who volunteers to assist others without hesitation or direction. His prior performance and cooperative attitude reflect a commitment to the agency and the community he serves.

After review and discussion among the direct supervisory chain (Cpl. Hart, Sgt. Kelly, Lt. Ross), it is the consensus that this was an isolated incident. With appropriate corrective measures, training, and counseling, the issue can be effectively addressed to ensure similar occurrences do not happen in the future and that Deputy Velez continues to perform in accordance with agency standards and expectations.

This case was sent to Lieutenant Jason Kerley for a criminal investigation. On October 21, 2025, he sent a probable cause affidavit to the SAO for review. The report reads as follows:

On October 16, 2025, I received a battery complaint that occurred at during a call for service under case number 250113382. While supervisors were reviewing the use of force report in the case for approval, concerns were found in reference to a taser deployment By Deputy David Velez ID# 2709. The body cam footage shows that Deputy Velez may have deployed his issued taser on a subject without cause.

Also on October 16, 2025, Stephan Wahl met with Sgt Gary Abbott of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Professional Standards Unit. Mr. Wahl wrote a statement wanting to file a formal complaint against Deputy Velez. Wahl stated he was shot 3 times with a taser, and he felt it was unnecessary. Mr. Wahl also stated he wants to press civil complaint charges and criminal charges.

I reviewed the body cam footage from Deputy Velez's body worn camera of the incident. Immediately upon arrival Stephan Wahl asks Deputy Velez not to come onto his property. Deputy Velez tells Mr. Wahl that he is there on a call for service and he requested identification from Mr. Wahl and two other male subjects on the scene. Mr. Wahl then appears to start the video camera on his phone to record the interaction. Mr. Wahl takes a couple steps towards Deputy Velez while asking him what type of call for service he is there for. Deputy Velez tells Mr. Wahl he needs him to ID himself and Mr. Wahl keeps asking what call he is there for.

Deputy Velez then drew his department issued taser and deployed two darts into Mr. Wahl's front torso. Mr. Wahl then started turning away from Deputy Velez. Seeing no effect from the taser, Deputy Velez deployed a third dart into the low back area of Mr. Wahl and ordered him to the ground. The taser was successful and Mr. Wahl fell to the ground and was secured in handcuffs without further incident. Before and during the taser deployment, Mr. Wahl had his hands raised up around shoulder height. Mr. Wahl had his cell phone in his right hand, and his left hand was open with nothing in it.

It should be noted that while responding to the call Deputy Velez was informed by another deputy over the radio and the comm center also reiterated that the subject had a history of violence

Deputy Velez stated in his incident report that Mr. Wahl "turned towards me in an aggressive manner as he continued screaming". Deputy Velez also stated in his report "fearing for my safety, and firmly believing Stephan was going to swing at me as I was the only deputy on scene, I subsequently deployed three taser probes.

Although I cannot determine from the video exactly how far apart Deputy Velez and Mr. Wahl at the time of the taser deployment it appears to be approximately six to ten feet apart. Deputy Velez did not give Mr. Wahl any verbal command to do anything such as back away or any other commands that might have provided Deputy Velez with a safer position. Deputy Velez also did not give any verbal warnings to Mr. Wahl that he would be tased. Although a warning is not required if it gives the subject a tactical advantage or it is otherwise impractical, Lake County Sheriff's Office General Order 4 does state a verbal warning shall be issued.

Deputy Velez requested EMS to come check Mr. Wahl after he was secured as Mr. Wahl made several statements of injuries which did not appear to be a result of being tased.
On 10/17/25 at 0920 hours I attempted to contact Deputy Velez by phone. I left messages on both his work and personal phones. At 0930 hours Deputy Velez called me back. I advised him I was assigned to investigate this case as a possible battery and that it was a criminal investigation. I told Deputy Velez I would like him to come in and go through the video with me and explain what was going on through the video. I also advised I would have some questions related to the case. He stated he would contact his attorney and call me back. At 1040hours Deputy Velez contacted me again and said he is trying to arrange a meeting with his attorney, but he is far away, and he has not been able to set an available time yet. I advised Deputy Velez to let me know when he would be available and he stated he would call me later in the day. Deputy Velez contacted me during the afternoon advising he would meet with me on Monday 10/20/25 at around 0900hours.

On Monday 10/20/25 at approximately 0915 hours I received a text message from Deputy Velez telling me his legal council has advised him not to provide a statement.

I have reviewed the body camera video from Deputy Velez's body worn camera during the incident. I have also reviewed Deputy Velez's written report. Although I understand the body camera is only one view of the incident, I am unable to see any time where Mr. Wahl turned towards Deputy Velez in an aggressive manner. I was also unable to see any behavior from Mr. Wahl where I believed he was physically an immediate danger to Deputy Velez or where I thought he was going to strike Deputy Velez as he wrote in his report. Mr. Wahl was not retrieving his identification or attempting to identify himself in any way as he was requested by Deputy Velez during the interaction he was in fact challenging Deputy Velez's reason for being there. Although Mr. Wahl was not doing what he was requested to do he did have his hands raised in front of him with a phone in his right hand and his left hand was open and empty. I was unable to see any active resistance from Mr. Wahl at the time Deputy Velez deployed his department issued taser. Deputy Velez also did not give any commands for Mr. Wahl to do anything prior to deploying the taser.

On 10/20/25 at approximately 1530 hours Sgt. Strickland met with the other two male subjects that were present during the incident between Mr. Wahl and Deputy Velez. Both subjects were hired day workers from People Ready, and they had no connection or familiarity with Mr. Wahl or Deputy Velez before this incident. He first received a statement from Jhotson Jimenez. He stated upon arrival Deputy Velez came in passive and Mr. Wahl started getting aggressive, but he did not see where Deputy Velez deployed his taser because he had walked to his car to retrieve his ID. Mr. Jimenez was asked if he believed that if the deputy hadn't used his taser Mr. Wahl would have tried to fight him. He replied, "I don't think he, he would've done anything cause he is very skinny Okay, and the cop is both So I think he would've just tried like pushing him out of the house probably". This statement was recorded on body camera, and a written statement was also obtained.

Sgt Strickland then met with Marco Guerrero. He described Mr. Wahl as aggressive towards the deputy and that he was walking towards the deputy and loud and aggressive. Mr. Guerrero was asked if he felt that Mr. Wahl might hit Deputy Velez; he said "Not hit him but trying to resist" which he clarified he meant resisting being handcuffed. He also stated that when deputy Velez tased Mr. Wahl "Um Yeah he was like about to run or something like that walk away". Mr. Guerrero's statement was also recorded on body camera, and a written statement was obtained.

Deputy Velez, while on duty as a Lake County Deputy Sheriff during a call for service, utilized his department issued taser striking Mr. Wahl three times without a physical threat of force or active resistance from Mr. Wahl. Deputy Velez also wrote in his report that Mr. Wahl "turned towards me in an aggressive manner as he continued screaming". Deputy Velez also stated in his report "fearing for my safety, and firmly believing Stephan was going to swing at me as I was the only deputy on scene, I subsequently deployed three taser probes...' Neither of these statements were observed in the body worn camera footage. This case will be forwarded to that State Attorney's Office for review.

On October 27, 2025, Walter Forgie of the SAO sent an email advising that there was insufficient evidence to prove guilt in this case. He further stated that the matter was now closed with the SAO.

On November 07, 2025, this detective met with M/D Velez at the Office of Professional Standards for an interview. His representative, Mr. John Witaker of the FSA, accompanied him. This detective read M/D Velez his administrative notification, and he swore to tell the truth. M/D Velez was asked if he had a chance to review the case file, and he said that he did. M/D Velez was asked if he would like to make an opening statement, and he said that he would not.

M/D Velez was asked if he had any contact with Mr. Wahl prior to that day, and he replied that he could not recall any. M/D Velez was asked about what information he received about Mr. Wahl prior to arriving at the call. He stated that the dispatcher and his zone partner advised him over the radio that . M/D

Velez stated that he cannot remember if he received additional information about Mr. Wahl from the radio or by scrolling through the call history. He said that either way, he had received information that there was a previous call for service involving a firearm at Mr. Wahl's residence. M/D Velez was asked if he had met the complainant prior to responding to the call to review the civil court order, and he said no. He stated that he spoke to the complainant on the phone about their complaint and then was rerouted to another call. M/D Velez was asked if any action had been taken regarding the civil court order after Mr. Wahl was tased, and he stated that, to his knowledge, no action had been taken. M/D Velez noted that he met with the complainant on the scene after Mr. Wahl was tased and reviewed the civil court order. M/D Velez was asked why he would not meet the complainant to review the civil court order before going to the call. He stated that he had SWAT training that day and was trying to handle as many calls for service as he could prior to leaving for training. He stated he figured that he would go to the residence to get Stephan and Deborah Wahl's side of the story to save some time. He again stated that he was unfamiliar with any of these subjects before this call for service.

M/D Velez was asked about his report when he stated that Mr. Wahl uttered something along the lines of you need to get off of my property. This detective then played the video of the incident for M/D Velez, and in the video, Mr. Wahl stated, "Can you please not come on the property?". M/D Velez stated that he took that as Mr. Wahl telling him to get off of the property. M/D Velez was asked if he escalated or de-escalated the incident that day. M/D Velez stated that, ever since he pulled M/D Bradley Links' body out of the trailer in August of last year, he has treated every call for service as though it could be his last. He was only transferred back to the road about two months ago, after spending about four years in CIB. M/D Velez stated that he would not say that he escalated the situation that day, but he would say he could have acted more professionally that day. M/D Velez was asked again if he would say he had escalated or de-escalated the events of that day, and he said that he had escalated the incident that day. M/D Velez was asked about his professionalism that day. He stated that he did not act professionally that day.

This detective then asked M/D Velez if Captain Vance's memorandum, after reviewing the body camera footage, was an accurate representation of the events of that day, and he said yes. M/D Velez was asked about the comment to Mrs. Wahl at 6:46. He stated that Mr. Wahl never told

him to fuck off and leave the property. M/D Velez was asked if it was a truthful statement when he said to Mrs. Wahl that Mr. Wahl told him to fuck off and leave the property, and he stated it was not. M/D Velez also conceded that it was not truthful when he told Mrs. Wahl that Mr. Wahl literally told him to go fuck himself and get off of Mr. Wahl's property. M/D Velez was asked about the statements he made to Corporal Danny Hart at 8:17 in the video. The statements in question are when he told Cpl. Hart that Mr. Wahl told him to fuck off and get off of the property, and when he said that, Mr. Wahl told him to fuck you, get the fuck out of here. MD Velez further conceded that the statements he made to Cpl. Hart was not truthful.

M/D Velez then told Cpl. Hart that he told Mr. Wahl to identify himself, and Mr. Wahl walked toward him like he wanted to fight me, so I tased him. M/D Velez was asked, now that he was reviewing the incident on video, how Mr. Wahl indicated to him that he wanted to fight. M/D Velez stated that in his mind, he arrived on the scene by himself and saw that there were three men present and a fourth person present, whom he saw as a silhouette, and at the time, he was unsure if that person was a male or female. He stated that he had been made aware of the residence, and Mr. Wahl started to walk away from him as soon as M/D Velez arrived. He stated he wondered what this man was doing; was he trying to evade him? M/D Velez stated he focused on the man in front of him, who happened to be Mr. Wahl. M/D Velez admitted that he did not know the man he tased was Mr. Wahl until some time after he tased him. He stated he was not sure which male on the scene was Mr. Wahl at the time of the tasing. He stated he asked the people present to identify themselves, but Mr. Wahl did not comply. M/D Velez was asked if any of the other people identified themselves before Mr. Wahl was tased, and he said no, they did not. M/D Velez was asked if he gave Mr. Wahl any other command, and he said no. M/D Velez was asked why he closed the gap on Mr. Wahl. He stated that because Mr. Wahl started to walk away as soon as he arrived on the scene, he wanted to see what he was doing and figured the closer he was, the better he could react to whatever Mr. Wahl did. M/D Velez stated that after he asked everyone for their identification, Mr. Wahl took three to four steps in his direction. He stated he lost sight of the other three people on the scene and was unsure if they were trying to surround him or not. He further stated that he was still uncertain which person on the scene was Mr. Wahl. M/D Velez stated that Mr. Wahl was about 6 feet 4 inches, and he was about 5 feet 6 inches. M/D Velez stated that because of the totality of everything going on, he tased Mr. Wahl to incapacitate him so that he could gain control of the scene. M/D Velez was

asked again after watching the video how Mr. Wahl indicated to him that he wanted to fight. M/D Velez stated that after watching the video, Mr. Wahl did not present active resistance that day.

M/D Velez was asked after reviewing the video if he felt that he had just cause to tase Mr. Wahl that day. M/D Velez said after watching the video, he did not have just cause to tase Mr. Wahl. M/D Velez was asked if Mr. Wahl did anything that day other than be argumentative, and he said no. M/D Velez was asked if Mr. Wahl verbally threatened him in any way, and he said not that he could recall. M/D Velez was asked if his report was a truthful and accurate representation of the events of that day, and he said no. M/D Velez was asked if he had reviewed his body camera footage before writing his report, and he said he did not. He stated he wrote his report sitting at Waterman Hospital.

M/D Velez was asked why he did not watch the video before documenting a use-of-force incident. He stated he does not know why he did not watch it. M/D Velez stated that it had been about two or three years since he had a use-of-force incident. He stated that there was a new program to document the incident now, and he had to get Lieutenant James Dilliome to help him with the program. He stated that he clicked on the video multiple times to upload it from Axon to the use-of-force program, but he never watched the video before writing his report. He stated he has been in CIB for the last four years, and at that time, his interactions with people were very different from the interactions he has now. He stated in CIB that he conducted interviews with mostly witnesses and victims. He stated he now deals with people in a more adversarial role. He stated he had only been back on the road for about a month and a half at the time of the incident. M/D Velez was asked if, in the event of a future use-of-force incident, he would watch the video before writing his report, and he said 100 percent he would. M/D Velez stated that, although his statements and report that day are not accurate and factual, after reviewing the video, he never deliberately tried to hide anything or be untruthful. He stated that at the time he had made the statements to his supervisors and Mrs. Wahl, and wrote his report, he felt the information he provided was accurate and truthful based on his recollection of the events. M/D Velez was asked why he had muted his body camera, and he stated he had no idea why he had done that. He stated that he told the same story that day to all his supervisors, and he was not

deliberately trying to fabricate anything. He stated he wished he had left his camera unmuted, as he felt it would have helped him more than it hurt him.

M/D Velez was asked if he gave a verbal warning to Mr. Wahl before he tased him, and he stated no. M/D Velez stated he felt at the time it was a tactical advantage for him not to give a warning. He stated that based on the totality of the circumstances that day. He stated that he knew someone on the scene had a history of violence He also knew that the person in front of him was not being compliant and was significantly larger than he was. He also knew that three other people on the scene were possibly surrounding him. M/D Velez stated that in the last VR training for tasers, he could not remember being told to verbalize anything before tasing someone in the scenarios. He said that after the training, it was ingrained in his mind that no warning was given. He further stated he felt at the time that not giving a verbal warning gave him the tactical advantage.

M/D Velez was asked if Sgt. Kelly's memorandum was an accurate recollection of events that day, and he said yes. M/D Velez was asked if Lt. Kerley's report was an accurate recollection of events that day, and he said yes. M/D Velez did state that he disagreed with Lt. Kerley's indication that he was not in fear for his safety that day. M/D Velez stated that he was absolutely in fear that day. He stated he does not understand how Lt. Kerley can say what he felt that day. He stated that ever since he pulled M/D Brad Link's body from the trailer that day, he has looked at everything through a different lens. M/D Velez said that he looked at every call like someone had the opportunity and the advantage to kill him because they do. M/D Velez stated that he was absolutely in fear for his safety that day.

M/D Velez was asked how long he has been with LCSO. He started about seven years and four months. M/D Velez was asked how many uses of force he had had in that timeframe, and he said fewer than 10. He reiterated that he had not been involved in a use-of-force incident for about two or three years. M/D Velez was asked if he departed from the truth when he talked to Mrs. Wahl and Cpl. Hart and he said yes. M/D Velez was asked if he departed from the truth in his report, and he said yes. M/D Velez stated that at the time he talked to Mrs. Wahl and Cpl. Hart that he believed he was giving them accurate statements. He also said that when he wrote his report, he believed he accurately portrayed the events of that day. He understands now, after reviewing everything, that his statements and report are not factual and accurate.

M/D Velez was asked if he would like to add anything else to the record, and he said yes. M/D Velez stated that he loved his job. He further stated that he loved serving the citizens of Lake County. He stated that LCSO has been great to him. M/D Velez stated that he wished he could go back and change the events of that day, but he cannot. He stated that he hopes that this one isolated incident does not dictate the rest of his career at LCSO. M/D Velez stated that he was not a violent person and that he had never been in an IA for any aggression. M/D Velez stated that he was not making any excuses for his behavior that day. He stated that he was genuinely sorry to this family, his supervisors, and this agency for putting them in this situation. M/D Velez swore to his statements. The interview was uploaded to Axon under LCSO case number 250113382.

Conclusion.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office discovered during a use-of-force review that M/D David Velez used his issued taser to subdue a subject. The incident was documented under LCSO case number 250113382. The complainant alleged that M/D Velez unnecessarily tased him. The complainant stated he wished to file a formal complaint and file criminal charges.

M/D Velez conceded that the statements he made to Mrs. Wahl and Cpl. Hart were not accurate and factual. He also admitted that his report was not accurate or factual. He admitted to departing from the truth in both his report and his statements to his supervisors. He stated he concluded the above after reviewing the case file and video recordings. He said that at the time he made those statements and wrote his report, he felt that he was accurately and factually representing the events of that day from his recollection. He further admitted that he did not have just cause to tase Mr. Wahl that day.

General Order 27, Section A, Subsection 6. Departure from the Truth. In this detective's opinion, there is sufficient evidence that shows that M/D Velez departed from the truth.

General Order 27 Section A. 13. Commission of a criminal act in violation of a State or Federal Statute. In this detective's opinion, there is insufficient evidence to show that M/D Velez committed a crime.

General Order 27 Section A. 24. Mental or physical abuse of any prisoner in custody or the use of unnecessary force in making an arrest or preventing an escape. In this detective's opinion, there is sufficient evidence that shows that M/D Velez used unnecessary force.

General Order 27 Section A. 33. Conduct unbecoming an officer which may not be specifically set forth in these rules and regulations. In this detective's opinion, there is sufficient evidence to show that M/D Velez did not conduct himself that day in a way that is expected of a Lake County Deputy Sheriff.

I verify pursuant to F.S.S. 92.525 that the contents of the report are true and accurate based upon my personal information, and belief. I, the undersigned, 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.

Sgt Abbott 1890
Gary Abbott, Sergeant

Witness 11/17/25

LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA / WWW.LCSO.ORG
360 W. RUBY ST / TAVARES
PEYTON C. GRINNELL, SHERIFF

To: Major David J. Pelton

From: Captain Shawn Vance

Date: October 15, 2025

Reference: Master Deputy David Velez #2709

On October 15, 2025, Lieutenant Mike Ross notified me during a phone conversation of concerns he had regarding the deployment of an electronic control device by Master Deputy David Velez during a call for service (250113382). Sergeant Adam Kelly is drafting a memo currently to document similar concerns he shared regarding unprofessional conduct and potential policy violations demonstrated by M/D Velez during the incident.

Upon reviewing the incident, I determined that M/D Velez demonstrated a significant lack of professionalism while interacting with Stephan Wahl (arrestee). Mr. Wahl's resistance level did not warrant the deployment of an electronic control device by M/D Velez.

M/D Velez mischaracterized and misquoted the statements made by Mr. Wahl while describing the use of force incident to a supervisor on scene. M/D Velez used unprofessional and unnecessary profanity throughout the incident, which included an exchange of insults with Mr. Wahl after he was detained safely. M/D Velez's incident report does not describe the tone and specific details of the incident accurately.

M/D Velez uploaded the body camera video captured during his initial contact with Mr. Wahl, which is approximately 35 minutes in length. The following body camera timeline identifies the primary concerns upon reviewing the incident:

1:19 Mr. Wahl asks "Could you please not come on the property?"
1:20 M/D Velez responds "Uh, yeah that's not how this works."
1:22 Mr. Wahl asks "What do you mean?"
1:23 M/D Velez states "I'm here for a reason because someone called so don't fucking tell me what you would like me to do because that is not how this works."
1:38 Mr. Wahl states that he is handicapped multiple times.
1:40 M/D Velez states "there is no I'm handicapped; we're not playing these games bro."
1:45 Mr. Wahl then walks towards M/D Velez's location in the driveway and asks "what investigation are you here for bro?" Mr. Wahl appeared to be recording with a cell phone in his raised right hand while his left hand was raised and open.
1:46 M/D Velez states "I need you to identify yourself."
1:48 From a stationary position in the driveway, Mr. Wahl continues to inquire why M/D Velez is at the property.
1:49 M/D Velez draws his electronic control device and deploys two darts without warning.

M/D Velez states "get on the fucking ground" and deploys a third dart, which incapacitated Mr. Wahl and caused him to drop to the ground. M/D Velez then utters "sitting here with your stupid shit" as he places handcuffs on Mr. Wahl.

5:22 Mr. Wahl curses and insults M/D Velez with profane language while handcuffed in a seated position. M/D Velez then trades insults with Mr. Wahl. M/D Velez calls Mr. Wahl a "coward" and an "absolute punk."

6:01 M/D Velez loses his temper further and tells Mr. Wahl to "shut up you fucking idiot."

6:26 M/D Velez describes to Mr. Wahl's mother, Debra Wahl, that he has an order to remove certain things or persons from the property. M/D Velez interrupts Mrs. Wahl as she attempts to asks questions about the court order.

6:46 M/D Velez tells Mrs. Wahl that Mr. Wahl told him to "fuck off and leave the property" as he walked up, which contradicts body camera footage.

7:13 M/D Velez tells Mrs. Wahl "He literally told me to go fuck myself and get off his property," which contradicts body camera footage.

8:17 M/D Velez tells his supervisor, Corporal Danny Hart, that Mr. Wahl told him to "fuck off and get off his property" shortly after arriving, which contradicts body camera footage. M/D Velez states that he told Mr. Wahl that is not how this works and said that Mr. Wahl then stated "fuck you get the fuck out of here," which contradicts body camera footage. M/D Velez then told Cpl. Hart he told Mr. Wahl he needed to identify him and he "walked toward me like he wanted to fight me so I tased him."

8:42 M/D Velez referred to Mr. Wahl as he told Cpl. Hart "I don't have a clue who he is."

11:05 M/D Velez muted his body camera and kept it muted for the remainder of the video (34:43 video runtime). M/D Velez appeared to discuss the court order in detail during two separate conversations with the petitioner and the respondent while the body camera is muted.

M/D Velez's behavior during the call for service violated General Order 4 - Use of Force, which covers authorized use of force options to meet subject resistance levels and General Order 27 - Personal Conduct and Disciplinary Process, which addresses conduct unbecoming an employee.

Based on the apparent policy violations, I recommend the circumstances surrounding this incident be forwarded to Internal Affairs for further review.

Respectfully,

Capt Shawn 6-10

Captain Shawn Vance

Uniform Patrol Bureau

LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA / WWW.LCSO.ORG
360 W. RUBY ST / TAVARES
PEYTON C. GRINNELL, SHERIFF

Memo

To: Captain Shawn Vance (via chain of command)

From: Sergeant Adam Kelly

Date: October 17, 2025

Re: 250113382

On October 14, 2025, Master Deputy Velez responded to regarding a civil dispute. The homeowner reported that a family member residing at the residence was removing property from the home in violation of a court-issued motion-to-stay order requiring that all items remain on-site.

Upon arrival, Deputy Velez approached the driveway and encountered Stephan Dale Wahl, the family member in question. As Deputy Velez approached, Mr. Wahl stated, "Can you please not come on the property?" Deputy Velez replied, "Uh, yeah, that's not how this works." Mr. Wahl asked, "What do you mean?"

Deputy Velez responded, "I'm here for a reason because someone called. So don't fucking tell me what you would like me to do, 'cause that's not how this works, okay? We've got body cameras if you need a recording." This statement was made after Mr. Wahl began recording with his cell phone.

Deputy Velez continued, stating he was conducting an investigation and needed identification from everyone present. Mr. Wahl said, "I'm handicapped," to which Deputy Velez replied, "There is no 'I'm handicapped.' We're not playing these games, bro."

Mr. Wahl then asked, "What investigation are you here for, bro?" while holding his phone in one hand and raising his other hand with an open palm. He took approximately two steps forward, then stopped, maintaining about eight to ten feet of distance, and again asked, "What investigation are you here for, bro?"

Without giving any verbal warning or command, Deputy Velez deployed his Taser. Immediately after deployment, Deputy Velez yelled, "Get on the fucking ground." Mr. Wahl responded, "I didn't do anything," and at that point, both individuals began speaking simultaneously, making much of the audio unintelligible. During this exchange, Deputy Velez can be heard making a statement ending with, "…you with your shit."

Upon review of the body-worn camera footage, Mr. Wahl made no overtly aggressive or threatening movements. His hands were clearly visible, one holding his phone, the other open. After taking two steps forward, he ceased movement and continued speaking to Deputy Velez. There were no observable behaviors suggesting an immediate threat.

Policy Review

General Order 4 – Use of Force

Section A(3) – Excessive Use of Force:
"Use of force that exceeds the degree of force permitted by law, policy, or the observing officer's employing agency." The subject's behavior did not present active resistance or threat.

Section B(2)(c) – De-escalation:
"De-escalation techniques are defined as taking action or communicating verbally or non-verbally during a potential force encounter in an attempt to stabilize the situation and reduce the immediacy of the threat so that more time, options, and resources can be called upon to resolve the situation without the use of force or with a reduction in the force necessary. De-escalation techniques are required whenever possible." Deputy Velez's language and demeanor escalated tension from the start instead of stabilizing the situation.

Section B(3) – "Warnings Prior to Deployment of Intermediate Weapons:
"Deputies are expected, when feasible, to provide a verbal warning before deploying an electronic control device." No such warning was issued.

Conclusion

Based on review of the body-worn camera footage, Deputy Velez deployed his Taser without issuing any verbal warning or command, and the subject made no observable movements indicating threat or resistance. Deputy Velez's language, tone, and use of force appear inconsistent with General Order 4 (Use of Force) and General Order 27 (Personal Conduct and Disciplinary Process).

It should be noted that Master Deputy Velez recently returned to road patrol duties after serving several years within the Criminal Investigations Bureau. This transition back to uniformed field operations may have contributed to differences in approach, situational assessment, and communication under stress.

Master Deputy Velez has consistently demonstrated himself to be an exceptional deputy and a valued team player who volunteers to assist others without hesitation or direction. His prior

performance and cooperative attitude reflect a commitment to the agency and the community he serves.

After review and discussion among the direct supervisory chain (Cpl. Hart, Sgt. Kelly, Lt. Ross), it is the consensus that this was an isolated incident. With appropriate corrective measures, training, and counseling, the issue can be effectively addressed to ensure similar occurrences do not happen in the future and that Deputy Velez continues to perform in accordance with agency standards and expectations.

Respectfully,

Sergeant Adam Kelly, 2497
Lake County Sheriff's Office

Lake County Sheriff's Office
Internal Affairs Bureau

FLORIDA STATUTES

Perjury When Not in an Official Proceeding - F.S. 837.012

Whoever makes a false statement, which he does not believe to be true, under oath, not in an official proceeding, in regards to a material matter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by up to one year in jail.

Knowledge of the materiality of the statement is not an element of this crime, and the defendant's mistaken belief that his/her statement was not material is not a defense.

Civil Suits Brought By Law Enforcement or Correction Officers – F.S. 112.532

Every law enforcement officer or correctional officer shall have the right to bring civil suit against any person, group of persons, or organization, or the head of such organization or corporation, for damages, either pecuniary or otherwise, suffered during the performance of the officer's official duties or for abridgement of the officer's civil rights arising out of the officer's performance of official duties.

I hereby swear or affirm that the allegations made by me against a member or members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office is (are) true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Further, by affixing my signature to this document, I understand that if I have wrongly accused the employee(s) of criminal conduct, as defined by Florida Statutes, the employee(s) may elect to seek redress of the unfounded accusation(s) by referring the matter to the appropriate court for disposition.

Complainant's Signature — Date: 10/16/25

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 16 *day of* October, 2025.

Notary Public / Law Enforcement Officer 1690

___ Personally Known to Me
X Produced Identification Type: Jail id.

Lake County Sheriff's Office
Citizen's Complaint

Complainant's Name:			
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Home Phone Number: ( )	Work Phone Number: ( )		
(OPTIONAL) DOB:	Sex:	Race:	SS#
Date of Alleged Incident:	Time of Alleged Incident:		
Location of Alleged Incident:			

Narrative

Subject Officer: { } Sworn { } Civilian { } Unknown
Subject Officer: { } Sworn { } Civilian { } Unknown
Subject Officer: { } Sworn { } Civilian { } Unknown

Nature of Complaint:

Got Shot 3 times By By TASER. I FELT it WAS UNNECESSARY

I want to press civil complaint charges and criminal charges

Complainant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Is This Statement Continued: Yes _____ No _____

Sheriff

Lake County

Peyton C. Grinnell

360 West Ruby Street Tavares, Florida 32778
Phone 352-343-9500

November 24, 2025

Lake County Sheriff's Office
Attn: Master Deputy David Velez
360 West Ruby Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

RE: Notice of Final Disciplinary Action / IA-25-56

Master Deputy David Velez,

By written correspondence dated November 19, 2025, you were notified it was the intention to discipline you for acting unprofessional and neglecting to perform your duties. You have violated the following department policy(s):

General Order 27 Section A. 33. Conduct unbecoming an officer which may not be specifically set forth in these rules and regulations.

General Order 27 Section A, Subsection 7- Neglect to perform any duty in the manner required by rules and regulations, rules of duty or rules of procedure.

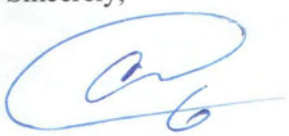
I have received and thoroughly reviewed the information surrounding this incident. Based on this review, and after careful consideration, I find there is sufficient evidence for the following disciplinary action effective as of the date of this notification:

- **Letter of Reprimand**
- **Three-Day Suspension Without Pay**
- **Loss Of Three Accrued Vacation Days**
- **Removal From the SWAT Team for One Year**
- **Mandatory Remedial Training in De-Escalation Techniques, to be Provided by the Sheriff's Office Training Division**
- **Mandatory Three-Day Remedial Training in the FTO Training Program for a Reintroduction to Road Patrol, Provided by an FTO Supervisor**

Let this notification serve as a letter of reprimand with a warning that any further acts of this nature will result in harsher discipline up to and including termination.

You also have the right to submit a written statement you believe may serve to clear your name.

Sincerely,



Christie Mysinger
Major, Law Enforcement Support

Receipt of Notice of Final Disciplinary Action

IA-25-56

On 11/24/25 at 1455 hours, I, David Velez, was hand-delivered memorandum dated November 24, 2025, in reference to a **NOTICE OF FINAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

2709

Recipient Signature

Delivered by

Sheriff

Lake County

Peyton C. Grinnell

360 West Ruby Street Tavares, Florida 32778
Phone 352-343-9500

November 19, 2025

Lake County Sheriff's Office
Attn: Master Deputy David Velez
360 West Ruby Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

RE: Notice of Intent for Disciplinary Action / IA-25-56

Master Deputy David Velez,

As you know, an administrative investigation was initiated, and it was sustained that you violated the following Sheriff's Office policy(s):

General Order 27 Section A. 33. Conduct unbecoming an officer which may not be specifically set forth in these rules and regulations.

General Order 27 Section A, Subsection 7- Neglect to perform any duty in the manner required by rules and regulations, rules of duty or rules of procedure.

All information regarding the incident is now in my possession. Based on this information, disciplinary action is warranted in this case; the degree of discipline intended is up to and **INCLUDING:**

- **Three-Day Suspension Without Pay**
- **Loss Of Three Accrued Vacation Days**
- **Removal From the SWAT Team for One Year**
- **Mandatory Remedial Training in De-Escalation Techniques, to be Provided by the Sheriff's Office Training Division**
- **Mandatory Three-Day Remedial Training in the FTO Training Program for a Reintroduction to Road Patrol, Provided by an FTO Supervisor**

Under General Order 27(E)6, you are entitled to a Pre-Disciplinary Hearing. **The Pre-Disciplinary Hearing must be requested by you, in writing and directed to the Sheriff, within three (3) working days of receipt of this Notice, or the right is waived.** The purpose of a Pre-Disciplinary Hearing is to provide you with an opportunity to address the findings in the investigation report with the Sheriff or his designee before the imposition of disciplinary action consisting of suspension with loss of pay demotion or termination. **You also have the right to submit a written statement you believe may serve to clear your name.**

Sincerely,

Christie Mysinger
Major, Law Enforcement Support

Receipt of Notice of Intent for Disciplinary Action
IA-25-56

On 11/19/25 at 1339 hours, I, David Velez, was hand-delivered letter dated November 19, 2025, in reference to a **NOTICE OF INTENT FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

(2709)
Recipient Signature

Delivered by

Sheriff

Lake County

Peyton C. Grinnell

360 West Ruby Street Tavares, Florida 32778
Phone 352-343-9500

October 15, 2025

Lake County Sheriff's Office
Attn: Master Deputy David Velez
360 West Ruby Street
Tavares, Florida 32778

RE: Subject Officer and Suspension Notification / IA-25-56

M/D Velez,

This notice is given for the purpose of informing you that you are the subject of an Internal Affairs investigation. This investigation is due to information received that indicates you used excessive force to affect an arrest. The incident is documented under LCSO case number 250113382. The intent of this administrative investigation is to determine if you have violated the following policies:

General Order 27, Section A, Subsection 6-Departure from the Truth.

General Order 27 Section A. 13. Commission of a criminal act in violation of a State or Federal Statute.

General Order 27 Section A. 24. Mental or physical abuse of any prisoner in custody or the use of unnecessary force in making an arrest or preventing an escape.

General Order 27 Section A. 33. Conduct unbecoming an officer which may not be specifically set forth in these rules and regulations.

This notice is also intended to inform you that you are hereby placed on administrative suspension with pay until further notice. You are hereby ordered to be available for the needs of this office at any time during this period of leave.

If your statement is necessary, you will be contacted at a later date for pre-scheduling an interview concerning this matter.

Your responsibilities during this investigation include but are not limited to:

- Sheriff's Office members must fully cooperate with the Internal Affairs Unit personnel or other bureau personnel authorized to conduct internal affairs investigations.
- Due to the investigation's administrative nature, you have no right to remain silent.
- Keep all official business regarding this investigation confidential.

Your rights during this investigation include but are not limited to:

- You shall be informed of the rank, name, and command of the officer in charge of the investigation, the interrogating officer, and all persons present during the investigation.
- You must be informed of the nature of the investigation before any interrogation begins as well as being informed of the names of all complainants.
- You must be provided with the complaint, all witness statements, and all evidence in any form that relates to the investigation before any questioning.

Please be advised that any person who is a participant in an internal investigation, including the complainant, the subject of the investigation and the subject's legal counsel or a representative of his or her choice, the investigator conducting the investigation, and any witnesses in the investigation, who willfully discloses any information obtained pursuant to the agency's investigation, including, but not limited to, the identity of the officer under investigation, the nature of the questions asked, information revealed, or documents furnished in connection with a confidential internal investigation of an agency, before such complaint, document, action, or proceeding becomes a public record as provided in this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Florida Statute 775.082 or 775.083. However, this does not limit a law enforcement or correctional officer's ability to gain access to information under Florida Statue 112.533 (2)(a). Additionally, a sheriff, police chief, or other head of a law enforcement agency, or his or her designee, is not precluded by this section from acknowledging the existence of a complaint and the fact that an investigation is underway.

Sincerely,

David Pelton
Major, Law Enforcement Operations Division

cc: Professional Standards file

Receipt of Subject Officer/Suspension Notice for
IA-25-56

On 10/15 at 1704 hours, I, David Velez, was hand-delivered memorandum dated October 15, 2025, in reference to a Subject Officer/Suspension notice.

2709
Recipient Signature

Capt Shawlama L-10
Delivered by

LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Case Report for Incident 250114396

Nature: S83

Address: 360 W RUBY ST; LAKE COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE TAVARES FL 32778

Location: T2

Offense Codes:

Received By: PAULI 2100 **Agency:** LCSO

Responding Officers: KERLEY 1132

Responsible Officer: KERLEY 1132 **Disposition:** ACT 10/16/25

When Reported: 15:14:28 10/16/25 **Occurred Between:** 15:14:28 10/16/25 and 15:14:28 10/16/25

Assigned To: **Detail:** **Date Assigned:** **/**/**

Status: **Status Date:** **/**/** **Due Date:** **/**/**

Complainant:

Last: **First:** **Mid:**

DOB: **/**/** **Dr Lic:** **Address:**

Race: **Sex:** **Phone:** **City:** ,

Offense Codes

Reported: **Observed:**

Circumstances

Responding Officers: **Unit :**

KERLEY 1132 1132

Responsible Officer: KERLEY 1132 **Agency:** LCSO

Received By: PAULI 2100 **Last Radio Log:** 15:17:46 10/16/25 CMPLT

: **Clearance:** R REPORT

When Reported: 15:14:28 10/16/25 **Disposition:** ACT **Date:** 10/16/25

Judicial Status: **Occurred between:** 15:14:28 10/16/25

Misc Entry: **and:** 15:14:28 10/16/25

Modus Operandi: **Description :** **Method :**

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	
10/20/25	Law Incident	1017 250115998	Related call

10/16/25	Law Incident	S33 250113382	INVOLVED
10/21/25	Name	WAHL, STEPHAN DALE	Victim
10/21/25	Name	VELEZ, DAVID ALCIDES	Suspect
10/20/25	Name	GUERRERO, MARCO ANTONIO	Witness
10/20/25	Name	JIMENEZ, JHOTSAN ERMINIO	Witness
10/16/25	Cad Call	15:14:28 10/16/25 S83	Initiating Call

Narrative

Offense/Class: Simple Battery 784.03 (1a1)
Perjury When Not in Official proceeding 837.012

Reporting Officer: Lt. J. Kerley

Physical Evidence: N/A

Body Camera Evidence: Yes[X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

Car Camera Evidence: Yes[ ] No [X] N/A [ ]

Crime Scene: N/A

Referred to Handle with Care?: Yes[ ] No [x] N/A[ ]

Attachments: N/A

Canvass Area: N/A

Narrative:

On October 16, 2025, I received a battery complaint that occurred at during a call for service under case number 250113382.
While supervisors were reviewing the use of force report in the case for approval, concerns were found in reference to a taser deployment By Deputy David Velez ID# 2709. The body cam footage shows that Deputy Velez may have deployed his issued taser on a subject without cause.

Also on October 16, 2025, Stephan Wahl met with Sgt Gary Abbott of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Professional Standards Unit. Mr. Wahl wrote a statement wanting to file a formal complaint against Deputy Velez. Wahl stated he was shot 3 times with a taser, and he felt it was unnecessary. Mr. Wahl also stated he wants to press civil complaint charges and criminal charges.

I reviewed the body cam footage from Deputy Velez's body worn camera of the incident. Immediately upon arrival Stephan Wahl asks Deputy Velez not to come onto his property. Deputy Velez tells Mr. Wahl that he is there on a call for service and he requested identification from Mr. Wahl and two other male subjects on the scene. Mr. Wahl then appears to start the video camera on his phone to record the interaction. Mr. Wahl takes a couple steps towards Deputy Velez while asking him what type of call for service he is there for. Deputy Velez tells Mr. Wahl he needs him to ID himself and Mr. Wahl keeps asking what call he is there for.

Deputy Velez then drew his department issued taser and deployed two darts into Mr. Wahl's front torso. Mr. Wahl then started turning away from Deputy Velez. Seeing no effect from the taser, Deputy Velez deployed a third dart into the low back area of Mr. Wahl and ordered him to the ground. The taser was successful and Mr. Wahl fell to the ground and was secured in handcuffs without further incident. Before and during the taser deployment, Mr. Wahl had his hands raised up around shoulder height. Mr. Wahl had his cell phone in his right hand, and his left hand was open with nothing in it.
It should be noted that while responding to the call Deputy Velez was informed by another deputy over the radio that the subject and the comm center also reiterated that the subject had a history of violence

Deputy Velez stated in his incident report that Mr. Wahl "turned towards me in an aggressive manner as he continued screaming". Deputy Velez also stated in his report "fearing for my safety, and firmly believing Stephan was going to swing at me as I was the only deputy on scene, I subsequently deployed three taser probes..."
Although I cannot determine from the video exactly how far apart Deputy Velez and Mr. Wahl at the time of the taser deployment it appears to be approximately six to ten feet apart. Deputy Velez did not give Mr. Wahl any verbal command to do anything such as back away or any other commands that might have provided Deputy Velez with a safer position. Deputy Velez also did not give any verbal warnings to Mr. Wahl that he would be tased. Although a warning is not required if it gives the subject a tactical advantage or it is otherwise impractical, Lake County Sheriff's Office General Order 4 does state a verbal warning shall be issued.

Deputy Velez requested EMS to come check Mr. Wahl after he was secured as Mr. Wahl made several statements of injuries which did not appear to be a result of being tased.

On 10/17/25 at 0920 hours I attempted to contact Deputy Velez by phone. I left messages on both his work and personal phones. At 0930 hours Deputy Velez called me back. I advised him I was assigned to investigate this case as a possible battery and that it was a criminal investigation. I told Deputy Velez I would like him to come in and go through the video with me and explain what was going on through the video. I also advised I would have some questions related to the case. He stated he would contact his attorney and call me back. At 1040hours Deputy Velez contacted me again and said he is trying to arrange a meeting with his attorney, but he is far away, and he has not been able to set an available time yet. I advised Deputy Velez to let me know when he would be available and he stated he would call me later in the day. Deputy Velez contacted me during the afternoon advising he would meet with me on Monday 10/20/25 at around 0900hours.
On Monday 10/20/25 at approximately 0915 hours I received a text message from Deputy Velez telling me his legal council has advised him not to provide a statement.

I have reviewed the body camera video from Deputy Velez's body worn camera during the incident. I have also reviewed Deputy Velez's written report. Although I understand the body camera is only one view of the incident, I am unable to see any time where Mr. Wahl turned towards Deputy Velez in an aggressive manner. I was also unable to see any behavior from Mr. Wahl where I believed he was physically an immediate danger to Deputy Velez or where I thought he was going to strike Deputy Velez as he wrote in his report. Mr. Wahl was not retrieving his identification or attempting to identify himself in any way as he was requested by Deputy Velez during the interaction he was in fact challenging Deputy Velez's reason for being there. Although Mr. Wahl was not doing what he was requested to do he did have his hands raised in front of him with a phone in his right hand and his left hand was open and empty. I was unable to see any active resistance from Mr. Wahl at the time Deputy Velez deployed his department issued taser. Deputy Velez also did not give any commands for Mr. Wahl to do anything prior to deploying the taser.

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Supplement

Added By: PAULI 2100

Added On: 15:17:46 10/16/25

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CAD Call info/comments
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15:14:57 10/16/25   - PAULI 2100 - From: KERLEY 1132
RELATED TO 250113382

15:17:24 10/16/25   - PAULI 2100 - From: KERLEY 1132
98 W/ REP
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Supplement

Added By: STRICKLAND 1638
Added On: 16:57:51 10/20/25
Report Written By: Sergeant Jarrod Strickland 1638

Offense/Class: Use of force review

Physical Evidence: None

Digital Evidence uploaded to Evidence.com: BWC footage

Body Camera Evidence: Yes [X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

Car Camera Evidence: Yes [ ] No [X] N/A [ ]

Crime Scene: N/A

Referred to Handle with Care: Yes[ ] No[ ] N/A[X]

Attachments: Two affidavits

Canvass Area: N/A

Narrative:
On 10/20/25, Lieutenant Kerley 1132 requested my assistance with this case. He provided a summary of 250113382, a link to a YouTube video posted by Mr. Wahl, and asked me to locate witnesses Marco Guerrero and Jhotsan Jimenez for interviews. Lt. Kerley told me Mr. Guerrero and Mr. Jiminez were present and were hired through People Ready.

I reviewed Deputy Velez's BWC for the initial contact and taser deployment. I then watched the YouTube video posted by Mr. Wahl.

I then travelled to the People Ready office in Leesburg. Office staff were able to locate employee files for Mr. Guerrero and Mr. Jimenez which included phone numbers. I spoke with them both on the phone and they agreed to meet with me. I also learned the two are cousins.

At approximately 1526 hours I met with Mr. Guerrero and Mr. Jiminez at 33744 Crestwood Av, Leesburg, FL. My BWC was recording during our conversations and the footage was later uploaded to evidence.com. After our introductions I separated the two and spoke with Mr. Jiminez first.

Name Involvements:

Victim : 227072
Last: WAHL **First:** STEPHAN **Mid:** DALE
DOB: **Dr Lic:** **Address:**
Race: W **Sex:** M **Phone:** **City:**

Suspect :
Last: VELEZ **First:** DAVID **Mid:** ALCIDES
DOB: **Dr Lic:** **Address:**
Race: L **Sex:** M **Phone:** **City:**

Witness : 504542
Last: GUERRERO **First:** MARCO **Mid:** ANTONIO
DOB: 07/24/07 **Dr Lic:** **Address:** 33744 CRESTWOOD AVE
Race: H **Sex:** M **Phone:** (352)360-3744 **City:** LEESBURG, FL 34788

Witness : 844933
Last: JIMENEZ **First:** JHOTSAN **Mid:** ERMINIO
DOB: 08/14/06 **Dr Lic:** **Address:** 11632 VALLEY RD
Race: H **Sex:** M **Phone:** (352)272-3933 **City:** CLERMONT, FL 34715

IN THE CIRCUIT OR COUNTY COURT
OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY

State of Florida

vs

David Velez (12/27/1978)

Lake County Sheriff's Office 250114396

1. 784.03 (1a1) Simple Battery
2. 837.012 Perjury when not in an official proceeding

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

1. Comes now, the affiant, Lt. Jason Kerley of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, a sworn law enforcement officer, who personally appeared before a notary public or certified officer, makes this affidavit, which has been electronically submitted to the Court. The affiant swears under oath that he has probable cause to believe that certain laws have been violated in Lake County, Florida, and that on or about October 14, 2025, David Velez, did commit Simple battery and Perjury when not in an Official Proceeding as per Florida State Statutes 784.03(1a1) and 837.012

    1. That the events hereinafter set forth occurred at in unincorporated Lake County.
    2. On October 16, 2025, I received a battery complaint that occurred at during a call for service under case number 250113382.
    3. While supervisors were reviewing the use of force report in the case for approval, concerns were found in reference to a taser deployment By Deputy David Velez ID# 2709. The body cam footage shows that Deputy Velez may have deployed his issued taser on a subject without cause.
    4. Also on October 16, 2025, Stephan Wahl met with Sgt Gary Abbott of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Professional Standards Unit. Mr. Wahl wrote a statement wanting to file a formal complaint against Deputy Velez. Wahl stated he was shot 3 times with a taser, and he felt it was unnecessary. Mr. Wahl also stated he wants to press civil complaint charges and criminal charges.
    5. I reviewed the body cam footage from Deputy Velez's body worn camera of the incident. Immediately upon arrival Stephan Wahl asks Deputy Velez not to come onto his property. Deputy Velez tells Mr. Wahl that he is there on a call for service and he requested identification from Mr. Wahl and two other male subjects on the scene. Mr. Wahl then appears to start the video camera on his phone to record the interaction. Mr. Wahl takes a couple steps towards Deputy Velez while asking him what type of call for service he is there for. Deputy Velez tells Mr. Wahl he needs him to ID himself and Mr. Wahl keeps asking what call he is there for.
    6. Deputy Velez then drew his department issued taser and deployed two darts into Mr. Wahl's front torso. Mr. Wahl then started turning away from Deputy Velez. Seeing no effect from the taser, Deputy Velez deployed a third dart into the low back area of Mr. Wahl and ordered him to the ground. The taser was successful and Mr. Wahl fell

to the ground and was secured in handcuffs without further incident. Before and during the taser deployment, Mr. Wahl had his hands raised up around shoulder height. Mr. Wahl had his cell phone in his right hand, and his left hand was open with nothing in it.

7. It should be noted that while responding to the call Deputy Velez was informed by another deputy over the radio that the subject and the comm center also reiterated that the subject had a history of violence
8. Deputy Velez stated in his incident report that Mr. Wahl "turned towards me in an aggressive manner as he continued screaming". Deputy Velez also stated in his report "fearing for my safety, and firmly believing Stephan was going to swing at me as I was the only deputy on scene, I subsequently deployed three taser probes..."
9. Although I cannot determine from the video exactly how far apart Deputy Velez and Mr. Wahl at the time of the taser deployment it appears to be approximately six to ten feet apart. Deputy Velez did not give Mr. Wahl any verbal command to do anything such as back away or any other commands that might have provided Deputy Velez with a safer position. Deputy Velez also did not give any verbal warnings to Mr. Wahl that he would be tased. Although a warning is not required if it gives the subject a tactical advantage or it is otherwise impractical, Lake County Sheriff's Office General Order 4 does state a verbal warning shall be issued.
10. Deputy Velez requested EMS to come check Mr. Wahl after he was secured as Mr. Wahl made several statements of injuries which did not appear to be a result of being tased.
11. On 10/17/25 at 0920 hours I attempted to contact Deputy Velez by phone. I left messages on both his work and personal phones. At 0930 hours Deputy Velez called me back. I advised him I was assigned to investigate this case as a possible battery and that it was a criminal investigation. I told Deputy Velez I would like him to come in and go through the video with me and explain what was going on through the video. I also advised I would have some questions related to the case. He stated he would contact his attorney and call me back. At 1040hours Deputy Velez contacted me again and said he is trying to arrange a meeting with his attorney, but he is far away, and he has not been able to set an available time yet. I advised Deputy Velez to let me know when he would be available and he stated he would call me later in the day. Deputy Velez contacted me during the afternoon advising he would meet with me on Monday 10/20/25 at around 0900hours.
12. On Monday 10/20/25 at approximately 0915 hours I received a text message from Deputy Velez telling me his legal council has advised him not to provide a statement.
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17. This case will be forwarded to that State Attorney's Office for review.

As such your Affiant believes that probable cause exists for the arrest of David Velez for Simple battery and Perjury when not in an Official Proceeding as per Florida State Statutes 784.03(1a1) and 837.012

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Lt. Jason Kerley

Lake County Sheriff's Office

Sworn to and *Subscribed* before me

this _____ day of _____, 2025_.

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Circle One: Notary Public - Certified Officer

_____ Personally known to me

_____ Produced identification

Type:

VICTIM / WITNESS / SUSPECT AFFIDAVIT

Agency ORI Number: FLO 350000	AGENCY NAME: LAKE COUNTY S.O.	1. Offense 2. Arrest: 1	Juvenile:	1. Original 2. Supplement: 2	Agency Report Number: 25014396
Original Date Reported: 10/16/2025	Case Reference: USE OF FORCE REVIEW				

Name: Mario Guerrero DOB: 07/24/2007 AGE: 18

AKA: Relation to Offender:

Contact Information

Address: 35744 (crestwood) ave

Mailing Address:

Home Phone: 352-360-3744 Alt Phone: Email:

Personal Information

Race	Sex	Height	Weight	Build	Facial Hair
Hispanic	M				

Complexion	Eye Color	Corrective Lens	Hair Color

Scars/Marks/Tattoos:

SSN	Birthplace City	State/Country	Citizen

License	State	EXP	Class

Employer Information

Employer: Work Phone:

Address:

NARRATIVE

The guy who got tased was being aggresive towards the officer and was tased after the yelling and screaming towards the cop.

Signature of Person Making Statement: X MG

Sworn to and subscribed before me this: 20 day of 10 2025

STRICKLAND 1638

Law Enforcement Officer or Notary:

VICTIM ONLY - INITIAL ALL THAT APPLIES

INTENT TO PROSECUTE: YES _____ NO _____ N/A

_____ I REQUEST to have my personal information made confidential under Marsy's Law (Art. I, 16(b)(5), Fla. Const.)

_____ I DO NOT REQUEST to have my personal information made confidential under Marsy's Law (Art. I, 16(b)(5), Fla. Const.)

Officer(s) Reporting: STRICKLAND ID Number(s): 1638 Date: 10/20/25

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Agency ORI Number	AGENCY NAME	Agency Report Number
FLO 350000	LAKE COUNTY S.O.	

Original Date Reported	Case Reference
10/16/25	USE OF FORCE REVIEW

Name: JHOTSAN JIMENEZ DOB: 08/14/2006 AGE: 19

AKA: Relation to Offender:

Contact Information

Address: 2833 Palations LN

Mailing Address:

Home Phone: 352-272-3933 Alt Phone: Email: JhotsanJimenez@gmail.com

Personal Information

Race: Hispanic	Sex: M	Height:	Weight:	Build:	Facial Hair:

Complexion:	Eye Color:	Corrective Lens:	Hair Color:

Scars/Marks/Tattoos:

SSN:	Birthplace City:	State/Country:	Citizen:

License:	State:	EXP:	Class:

Employer Information

Employer: Work Phone:

Address:

NARRATIVE

The cop came in politely ~~[illegible]~~ saying he has an investigation and the guy was saying to get off his property and the cop said you dont make up the rules and then he pointed to me asking for ID so I asked if I could get it, he said yes I went to get it and heard screaming and he was on top of him putting on hand cuffs. I then gave my ID and then he said we were good

Signature of Person Making Statement: X JS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this: 20 day of 10 2025

SGT 1638

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Officer(s) Reporting: STRICKLAND	ID Number(s): 1638	Date: 10/20/25	Page 1	Of	Page 1

Law: S33

When Reported:	08:43:27 10/14/2025	*Complainant*		**Incident #:**	**Partition:**
Address:		**Name:**	ROWELL, DAVID STANLEY	250113382	LCSO
Area:	L8 - L8	**Address:**	35002 TWIN LAKES BLVD LEESBURG, FL 34788	Thumbnail Photo Not Available	
Agency:	LCSO	**Race:**	W		
Officer:	VELEZ 2709	**Sex:**	M		
Contact:	rowell, david	**Phone:**			
Disposition:	ACT, 10/14/2025	**Birth Date:**	02/03/1958		

Other Information: ⊞

Summary:

Narrative: ⊟

Offense/Class: Resisting Arrest Without Violence (843.02) M

Reporting Officer: M/D Velez (2709)

Physical Evidence: None

Body Camera Evidence: Yes[X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

Car Camera Evidence: Yes[ ] No [X] N/A [ ]

Crime Scene: Interviewed, Made Arrest

Handle with Care?: Yes[] No[X] N/A[]

Attachments: Use of Force, Booking Sheets

Canvass Area: Yes,

Narrative:

On Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at approximately 0940 hours, I responded to in reference to a motion to stay complaint.

Upon arrival, as I approached the driveway to the residence, I was immediately confronted by the Arrestee, Stephan Dale Wahl. Before I had a chance to say anything, Stephan immediately uttered something along the lines of "you need to get off of my property."

Being there were multiple people on scene, I asked the two men standing to my right if they could grab their identification cards. Stephan continued yelling at me and was now walking on my left. As I was attempting to explain the reason for my presence, Stephan turned toward me in an aggressive manner as he continued screaming.

Fearing for my safety, and firmly believing Stephan was going to swing at me as
I was the only Deputy on scene I subsequently deployed three taser probes from
my Taser Model 10 (bearing serial number TS1024). It should be noted 3 probes
were deployed as the effect of the device bared no effect on him after the first
two probes connected.

Upon hearing the commotion, Stephan's mother ran up behind me screaming as I was
handcuffing Stephan and was attempting to roll him to his side so I could sit
him up. Moments later, FD & EMS arrived on scene and began rendering aid. Upon
completing their initial examination and not observing any major injuries,
Stephan requested to be transported to Advent Health Waterman Hospital located
at 1000 Waterman Way Tavares, FL 32778.

It should be noted from the moment we arrived at Waterman Hospital until the
time of this report, which is being written at 1147 hours, Stephan has been
combative with security, myself, as well as the nursing staff. Upon being fed
and medically cleared he was transported to the Lake County Jail without further
incident.

A Use of Force report was completed, and all body camera footage was uploaded
onto Evidence.com.

Nothing further.

Supplements: ⊟

Seq	Text	When Created	Officer Name
1	⊟ CAD Call info/comments ========== 08:45:08 10/14/25 - DUNN 3595 NOT 10-12 BUT THE PEOPLE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE LIVING THERE ARE GOING TO STEAL FROM THE PROPERTY 08:45:14 10/14/25 - DUNN 3595 UNK WHEN IT WILL OCC 08:46:27 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 2709 WILL 45 WILL 51 TO OCA 250113378 08:50:04 10/14/25 - VELEZ 2709	14:58:12 10/14/2025	KNOX 3840

I WAS ADVISED BY THE
COMPLAINANT THAT HE HAS A
COURT ORDER FROM YESTERDAY
STATING NOBODY IS TO BE
THERE REMOVING ANYMORE
PROPERTY FROM HIS RESIDENCE
AND
THERE ARE ALLEGEDLY PEOPLE
THERE DOING IT NOW...I
ADVISED HIM I AM ON A CALL
AND
WILL HEAD THAT WAY SHORTLY
09:26:21 10/14/25 -
HENDERSON 2733
RCVD A CALL FROM ROBERT
WAHL PX: 321 543 7865 COMPL
IS THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY
AND ADV THAT HE HAS A COURT
ORDER SAYING THAT SOMEONE
IS NOT SUPPOSE TO BE TAKEN
OFF THE PROPERTY HE GOT A
CALL FROM A FRIEND THAT
THERE IS A MOIVING TRUCK
1012
WITH A COUPLE OF CARS TO
HELP LOAD THEM UP COMPL IS
1012 AT THE POST OFFICE
BECAUSE HE WAS TOLD HE
WASN'T ALLOWED TO GO OVER
THERE IN REF TO A GUN
WARRANT.

09:26:31 10/14/25 -
HENDERSON 2733
HE IS REQ LEO TO COME OUT
TO ENFORCE THE COURT ORDER
09:29:17 10/14/25 - KNOX
3840
THERE IS A STEPHAN WAHL

09:44:21 10/14/25 -
FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ
2709
TASER DEPLOYED 1033 GIVEN

09:45:21 10/14/25 -
FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ
2709
YOU CAN CLEAR TRAFFIC 1098
1033 AT 0945 HRS

09:46:39 10/14/25 -
FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ
2709
HAVE EMS 1051 REF TASER
DEPLOYMENT / 1039D ON CW1 /
THERE ARE NO INJURIES
JUST
TO CHECK HIM OPUT

09:47:29 10/14/25 -

Edit Narratives

FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ
2709
DL

09:47:49 10/14/25 -
FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ
2709
MARCO GUERRERO 07 24 2007

09:48:16 10/14/25 -
FLORES 3890 - From: NEWBOLD
3069
97

09:48:58 10/14/25 -
FLORES 3890 - From: NEWBOLD
3069
1054 ON ADDITIONAL

09:49:04 10/14/25 -
FLORES 3890 - From: HART
3531
OUT WITH 2709

09:52:54 10/14/25 -
FLORES 3890

JHOTSAN,ERMINIO,JIMENEZ ---

09:53:09 10/14/25 -
FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ
2709
FD 97

09:54:18 10/14/25 -
FLORES 3890

MARCO,ANTONIO,GUERRERO ---

09:58:46 10/14/25 -
FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ
2709
EM S97

10:06:29 10/14/25 -
NEWBOLD 3069
227072
10:09:12 10/14/25 - DUNN
3595

STEPHAN,DALE,WAHL

10:20:47 10/14/25 - KNOX
3840 - From: VELEZ 2709
SHOW STEVEN 1015'D WILL BE
TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL ILL

BE 51 BEHIND

10:21:21 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 3878
HES BEING TRANSPORTED TO WATERMEN

10:21:56 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: TODARO 3087
MYSELF AND 3878 WILL BE 51

10:26:16 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 3878
HE IS TALKING PROFANITIES TO LEO AND EMS

10:34:01 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 3878
1097 WATERMEN

13:52:32 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890 - From: KELLY 2497
3069 WHEN YOU CLEAR BE 51 TO THE HOSPITAL REF 1015 1014 TO THE HOSPITAL

13:52:43 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890
3069 26
13:54:17 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840
PER 3069 51 TO WATERMEN AT 1353 HRS
14:04:49 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: NEWBOLD 3069
97 HOSPITAL

14:11:45 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840
2497 97 AT HOSPITAL
14:18:56 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: NEWBOLD 3069
MIGHT BE COMBATIVE 51 JAIL ETA 5 MINS

14:19:43 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 3878
1015'D 1012 51 TO LCJ

14:20:38 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840
1039'D BOOKING
14:20:54 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 2709
98 WATERMEN 51 LCJ

14:25:50 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890
3878 ADV 97 AT LCJ AT 1424 HRS
14:27:39 10/14/25 - KNOX

3840 - From: VELEZ 2709
97 LCJ

14:40:11 10/14/25 - KNOX
3840 - From: NEWBOLD 3069
CLEAR FROM HERE

14:58:03 10/14/25 - KNOX
3840 - From: VELEZ 2709
RECLAS STO S83 98 R TOT TO
LCJ

Radio Logs: ⊞ 14:58:12 10/14/2025 - CMPLT

Involvements: ⊞ Law - 10/14/2025 - S83 - RELATED

Approval History: ⊞ REVISE - VELEZ 2709 - FLORES 3890 - VELEZ 2709 - 15:01:01 10/14/2025

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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTIFICATION

I am **Sergeant Gary Abbott** with the Lake County Sheriff's Office Internal Affairs Unit. Present at this time is **Master Deputy David Velez** who is the listed subject officer in this administrative investigation. We are currently conducting this interview at the Office of Professional Standards regarding Internal Affairs Case Number **IA-25-56**. The complaint alleged that you used excessive force to affect an arrest and demonstrated unprofessional behavior.

During this questioning, even if you do disclose information which indicates that you may be guilty of criminal conduct, neither your self-incriminating statements nor the fruits of any self-incriminating statements you make will be used against you in any criminal legal proceedings, except for perjury or obstruction of justice charges. If you refuse to answer my questions, this in itself is a violation of the rules and procedures of the Office, and you will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include dismissal. All statements made by you will be considered an official report.

Are you on duty? Yes D.A.V.

To your knowledge, have you been given all documentation in regard to this complaint to include the complaint, all witness statements, all other existing subject officer statements, all other existing evidence, including, but not limited to, incident reports, GPS locater information, and audio or video recordings related to the incident under investigation? D.A.V.

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about to provide is true? Yes D.A.V.

I, David A. Velez, by my signature below, affirm that I have been advised of the Administrative Notification and do solemnly swear that the testimony I'm about to provide is true.

Subject Officer Signature — Date: 11/7/25

Sgt 1800 — Date: 11/7/25

Witness Signature

25 0113382

Mysinger, Christie

From: English, Todd
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 3:09 PM
To: Mysinger, Christie
Cc: Hall, Glen
Subject: FW: Velez

FYI

MAJOR TODD ENGLISH
Investigations Division
LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
360 W Ruby Street, Tavares, FL 32778
todd.english@lcso.org | www.lcso.org | 352-343-9454

Mission Statement: *To Serve People, Support our Communities, and Safeguard our Quality of Life.*

From: Walter Forgie <wforgie@sao5.org>
Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 12:58 PM
To: English, Todd <Todd.English@lcso.org>; McMennamy, Cliff <Cliff.McMennamy@lcso.org>
Subject: Velez

Gentlemen,

After reviewing the LCSO investigation in its entirety, speaking to Lt. Kerley and Sgt. Strickland, reviewing the video evidence and doing an intake with Mr. Wahl at the LCJ, I have declined to file the case involving Deputy Velez. The stated reason for the decline to file was, Evidence is legally insufficient to prove guilt.

Accordingly, this matter is now closed and our office will take no further action. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Justice. Service. Accountability.

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LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Case Report for Incident 250113382

Nature: S33 **Address:**
Location: L8

Offense Codes: 90Z
Received By: DUNN 3595 **Agency:** LCSO
Responding Officers: VELEZ 2709, NEWBOLD 3069, KELLY 2497, ROSS 550, HART 3531, TODARO 3087, 3878, SAUSEDA T46
Responsible Officer: VELEZ 2709 **Disposition:** ACT 10/14/25
When Reported: 08:43:27 10/14/25 **Occurred Between:** 09:00:00 10/14/25 and 09:00:00 10/14/25

Assigned To: **Detail:** **Date Assigned:** **/**/**
Status: **Status Date:** **/**/** **Due Date:** **/**/**

Complainant: 397277
Last: ROWELL **First:** DAVID **Mid:** STANLEY
DOB: 02/03/58 **Dr Lic:** **Address:** 35002 TWIN LAKES BLVD
Race: W **Sex:** M **Phone:** ( ) - **City:** LEESBURG, FL 34788

Offense Codes

Reported: **Observed:**
Additional Offense: 90Z All other Offenses

Circumstances

Responding Officers:	Unit :
VELEZ 2709	2709
NEWBOLD 3069	3069
KELLY 2497	2497
ROSS 550	550
HART 3531	3531
TODARO 3087	3087
3878	3878
SAUSEDA T46	T46

Responsible Officer: VELEZ 2709 **Agency:** LCSO
Received By: DUNN 3595 **Last Radio Log:** 14:58:12 10/14/25 CMPLT
: **Clearance:** R REPORT
When Reported: 08:43:27 10/14/25 **Disposition:** ACT **Date:** 10/14/25

Judicial Status: **Occurred between:** 09:00:00 10/14/25
Misc Entry: **and:** 09:00:00 10/14/25

Modus Operandi: **Description :** **Method :**

Involvements

Date	Type	Description	
10/14/25	Law Incident	S83 250113548	RELATED
10/14/25	Name	WAHL, STEPHAN DALE	Offender
10/14/25	Name	ROWELL, DAVID STANLEY	Complainant
10/14/25	Name	GUERRERO, MARCO ANTONIO	INVOLVED
10/14/25	Name	JIMENEZ, JHOTSAN ERMINIO	INVOLVED
10/14/25	Offense	Offense#: 123795 - 1M - 1 count	Charged With
10/14/25	Cad Call	08:43:27 10/14/25 1068	Initiating Call

Narrative

Offense/Class: Resisting Arrest Without Violence (843.02) M

Reporting Officer: M/D Velez (2709)

Physical Evidence: None

Body Camera Evidence: Yes[X] No [ ] N/A [ ]

Car Camera Evidence: Yes[ ] No [X] N/A [ ]

Crime Scene: Interviewed, Made Arrest

Handle with Care?: Yes[ ] No[X] N/A[ ]

Attachments: Use of Force, Booking Sheets

Canvass Area: Yes,

Narrative:

On Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at approximately 0940 hours, I responded to in reference to a motion to stay complaint.

Upon arrival, as I approached the driveway to the residence, I was immediately confronted by the Arrestee, Stephan Dale Wahl. Before I had a chance to say anything, Stephan immediately uttered something along the lines of "you need to get off of my property."

Being there were multiple people on scene, I asked the two men standing to my right if they could grab their identification cards. Stephan continued yelling at me and was now walking on my left. As I was attempting to explain the reason for my presence, Stephan turned toward me in an aggressive manner as he continued screaming.

Fearing for my safety, and firmly believing Stephan was going to swing at me as I was the only Deputy on scene I subsequently deployed three taser probes from my Taser Model 10 (bearing serial number TS1024). It should be noted 3 probes were deployed as the effect of the device bared no effect on him after the first two probes connected.

Upon hearing the commotion, Stephan's mother ran up behind me screaming as I was handcuffing Stephan and was attempting to roll him to his side so I could sit him up. Moments later, FD & EMS arrived on scene and began rendering aid. Upon completing their initial examination and not observing any major injuries, Stephan requested to be transported to Advent Health Waterman Hospital located at 1000 Waterman Way Tavares, FL 32778.

It should be noted from the moment we arrived at Waterman Hospital until the time of this report, which is being written at 1147 hours, Stephan has been combative with security, myself, as well as the nursing staff. Upon being fed and medically cleared he was transported to the Lake County Jail without further incident.

A Use of Force report was completed, and all body camera footage was uploaded onto Evidence.com.

Nothing further.

Supplement

Added By: KNOX 3840

Added On: 14:58:12 10/14/25

CAD Call info/comments

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08:45:08 10/14/25 - DUNN 3595
NOT 10-12 BUT THE PEOPLE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE LIVING THERE ARE GOING TO STEAL FROM THE PROPERTY
08:45:14 10/14/25 - DUNN 3595
UNK WHEN IT WILL OCC
08:46:27 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840
2709 WILL 45 WILL 51 TO OCA 250113378
08:50:04 10/14/25 - VELEZ 2709
I WAS ADVISED BY THE COMPLAINANT THAT HE HAS A COURT ORDER FROM YESTERDAY STATING NOBODY IS TO BE THERE REMOVING ANYMORE PROPERTY FROM HIS RESIDENCE AND THERE ARE ALLEGEDLY PEOPLE THERE DOING IT NOW...I ADVISED HIM I AM ON A CALL AND WILL HEAD THAT WAY SHORTLY
09:26:21 10/14/25 - HENDERSON 2733
RCVD A CALL FROM ROBERT WAHL PX: 321 543 7865 COMPL IS THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY AND ADV THAT HE HAS A COURT ORDER SAYING THAT SOMEONE IS NOT SUPPOSE TO BE TAKEN OFF THE PROPERTY HE GOT A CALL FROM A FRIEND THAT THERE IS A MOIVING TRUCK 1012 WITH A COUPLE OF CARS TO HELP LOAD THEM UP COMPL IS 1012 AT THE POST OFFICE BECAUSE HE WAS TOLD HE WASN'T ALLOWED TO GO OVER THERE IN REF TO A GUN WARRANT.

09:26:31 10/14/25 - HENDERSON 2733
HE IS REQ LEO TO COME OUT TO ENFORCE THE COURT ORDER
09:29:17 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840
THERE IS A STEPHAN WAHL
09:44:21 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ 2709
TASER DEPLOYED 1033 GIVEN

09:45:21 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ 2709
YOU CAN CLEAR TRAFFIC 1098 1033 AT 0945 HRS

09:46:39 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ 2709
HAVE EMS 1051 REF TASER DEPLOYMENT / 1039D ON CW1 / THERE ARE NO INJURIES JUST
TO CHECK HIM OPUT

09:47:29 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ 2709
DL

09:47:49 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ 2709
MARCO GUERRERO 07 24 2007

09:48:16 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890 - From: NEWBOLD 3069
97

09:48:58 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890 - From: NEWBOLD 3069
1054 ON ADDITIONAL

09:49:04 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890 - From: HART 3531
OUT WITH 2709

09:52:54 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890

JHOTSAN, ERMINIO, JIMENEZ
09:53:09 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ 2709
FD 97

09:54:18 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890

MARCO, ANTONIO, GUERRERO
09:58:46 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890 - From: VELEZ 2709
EM S97

10:06:29 10/14/25 - NEWBOLD 3069
227072
10:09:12 10/14/25 - DUNN 3595

STEPHAN, DALE, WAHL

10:20:47 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 2709
SHOW STEVEN 1015'D WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO HOSPITAL ILL BE 51 BEHIND

10:21:21 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 3878
HES BEING TRANSPORTED TO WATERMEN

10:21:56 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: TODARO 3087
MYSELF AND 3878 WILL BE 51

10:26:16 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 3878
HE IS TALKING PROFANITIES TO LEO AND EMS

10:34:01 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 3878
1097 WATERMEN

13:52:32 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890 - From: KELLY 2497
3069 WHEN YOU CLEAR BE 51 TO THE HOSPITAL REF 1015 1014 TO THE HOSPITAL

13:52:43 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890
3069 26
13:54:17 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840
PER 3069 51 TO WATERMEN AT 1353 HRS
14:04:49 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: NEWBOLD 3069
97 HOSPITAL

14:11:45 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840
2497 97 AT HOSPITAL
14:18:56 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: NEWBOLD 3069
MIGHT BE COMBATIVE 51 JAIL ETA 5 MINS

14:19:43 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 3878
1015'D 1012 51 TO LCJ

14:20:38 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840
1039'D BOOKING
14:20:54 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 2709
98 WATERMEN 51 LCJ

14:25:50 10/14/25 - FLORES 3890
3878 ADV 97 AT LCJ AT 1424 HRS

14:27:39 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 2709
97 LCJ

14:40:11 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: NEWBOLD 3069
CLEAR FROM HERE

14:58:03 10/14/25 - KNOX 3840 - From: VELEZ 2709
RECLAS STO S83 98 R TOT TO LCJ

Name Involvements:

Complainant : 397277
Last: ROWELL **First:** DAVID **Mid:** STANLEY
DOB: 02/03/58 **Dr Lic:** **Address:** 35002 TWIN LAKES BLVD
Race: W **Sex:** M **Phone:** ( ) - **City:** LEESBURG, FL 34788

Offender : 227072
Last: WAHL **First:** STEPHAN **Mid:** DALE
DOB: **Dr Lic:** **Address:**
Race: W **Sex:** M **Phone:** **City:**

INVOLVED : 844933
Last: JIMENEZ **First:** JHOTSAN **Mid:** ERMINIO
DOB: 08/14/06 **Dr Lic:** **Address:** 11632 VALLEY RD
Race: H **Sex:** M **Phone:** **City:** CLERMONT, FL 34715

INVOLVED : 504542
Last: GUERRERO **First:** MARCO **Mid:** ANTONIO
DOB: 07/24/07 **Dr Lic:** **Address:** 33744 CRESTWOOD AVE
Race: H **Sex:** M **Phone:** ( ) - **City:** LEESBURG, FL 34788

RETURN OF SERVICE

PERSON TO BE SERVED:

RECEIPT #: 0004094-25

ROBERT D WAHL
169 N LAKE DR
LEESBURG, FL

CLERK OF CIRCUIT
AND COUNTY COURT
LAKE COUNTY
TAVARES FLORIDA

2025 SEP -4 PM 3:26

PLAINTIFF: ROBERT DALE WAHL
-VS-
DEFENDANT: BDEBRA K WAHL

TYPE WRIT: MOTION FOR CIVIL CONTEMPT/ENFORCEMENT/NOTICE OF ADDRESS/MOTION TO SET ASIDE DEFAULT OR DEFAULT JUDGMENT/EMERGENCY MOTION TO STAY ENFORCEMENT OF FINAL JUDGMENT

COURT: LAKE/CIRCUIT
CASE #: 24DR2619

COURT DATE:
COURT TIME:

Received the above-named writ on September 2, 2025, at 11:15 AM, and served the same on September 3, 2025, at 1222 HRS, at 169 N LAKE DR LEESBURG, FL in Lake County, Florida, as follows:

INDIVIDUAL

By delivering a true copy of this writ together with a copy of the initial pleadings, if any, with the date and hour of service endorsed thereon by me, to: ROBERT D WAHL

EW

SERVICE COST: $40

PEYTON C. GRINNELL, SHERIFF
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

D/S BRIAN HUME #918

DEBRA K WAHL

IN THE CIRCUIT OR COUNTY COURT
OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY

State of Florida

1. Aggravated Assault with a Weapon, FSS 784.021(1)(a)

vs

STEPHAN DALE WAHL

Lake County Sheriff's Office 250112454

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

1. Comes now, the affiant, Hector Figueroa, Deputy Sheriff, of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, a sworn law enforcement officer, who personally appeared before a notary public or certified officer, makes this affidavit, which has been electronically submitted to the Court. The affiant swears under oath that he has probable cause to believe that certain laws have been violated in Lake County, Florida, and that on or about October 11, 2025 , STEPHAN DALE WAHL, did commit Aggravated Assault with a Weapon, FSS 784.021(1)(a).

    1. That the events hereinafter set forth occurred at in unincorporated Lake County.
    2. On Saturday, October 11, 2025 at approximately 1445 hours, I responded to the a parking lot for Culver's at College Drive and US 441 in reference to an assault complaint.
    3. Upon arrival, I met with the victim, David Rovell and a witness, Caroline Barnett. Both were being assisted by Cpl. Johnson (#2906) and Rovell was filling out a sworn, affidavit. Rovell stated that he was at to assist a friend in recovering an RV that he owns. I was familiar with Rovell due to multiple prior interactions involving that address and the largely civil issues pending with the divorce between the Wahls at that location.
    4. In summary, there is a division of property due to a divorce between Robert Wahl (husband) and Debra Wahl (Wife). This is further complicated by their son, Stephan Wahl. Robert does not live at the residence at this time but the wife and son do. Robert is also set to gain the property back in the impending divorce along with some of the vehicles/vessels on the property. The family history has also led to an adversarial relationship between Robert and his wife and son. Rovell is also familiar with the family and knows them for years.
    5. Rovell state that he went to the property with Barnett and Robert to retrieve the RV that is on the property. During that time, they were confronted by Debra, Stephan as well as other unknown bystanders. A verbal altercation proceeded while they removed the RV and inspected some of the vessels on the property.

6. Rovell advised that he was bent over, inspecting a boat, when he was approached by Stephan holding what appeared to be a handgun and pointed it at his face. Rovell advised that he froze and thought that he was done and would be shot.
7. He then stayed put until Stephan backed up and threw it on the ground yelling that it was only a BB gun. Rovell later walked to his truck and left once the RV was secured.
8. Rovell did desire to prosecute for the assault on his person.
9. I also spoke with Barnett, who was present and took cellphone video of the incident. Barnett advised that she had shown up with Robert and Rovell to assist them and confirmed the verbal altercation on the property. She also confirmed that she had seen Stephan take point the BB gun at Rovell and had video of the incident. She did confirm that she was initially scared for Rovell at what she thought was a gun.
10. Barnett showed us the video on scene and I recognized Robert, Rovell, Debra and Stephan in the video. I also saw as Stephan appeared to have a bulge on his right hip, consistent on concealed carrying a handgun. Towards the end of the video, you can see Stephan grabbing the BB gun out of concealment and pointing it at both Robert and Rovell to get them to scare and leave the property.
11. In the past, Stephan has stated to me that he is scared of his father and feels a heightened need to defend himself, however in my interaction with him as well as this video, I have found Stephan to largely be the aggressor in those situations. In addition, Stephan is a convicted felon with an extensive history and a prohibited possessor.
12. Before I received this call for service, at 1335 hours, had called in for this incident for a service call under case #250112443. During that time, called it in as a disturbance in progress. The call was responded to by Deputies Abuserydze (3213) and Lomberk (2620). During that call, called to complain about Robert removing the RV, which is a civil matter but neglected to mention anything about Stephan pointing the BB gun. In addition, Stephan refused to come out to deputies and speak. The call was closed based on the facts they knew at the time as a civil complaint.
13. During my investigation, I obtained a sworn, written statement from Rovell advising of the facts above and confirming his intent to prosecute. I also received a sworn, written statement from Barnett detailing the incident. A community request was sent Barnett to obtain a copy of the video from her phone. A victim's pamphlet was given to Rovell. Contact was not made with Robert as a potential victim/witness at the time of the report but I also based on the video, don't believe he knew it had been pointed at him either.
14. Based on my training and experience, I have worked a similar case where a BB gun has caused massive injury to the point of causing brain damage requiring medical intervention/ICU surgery, so the potential for permanent injury/death is there, especially when pointed at the head.
15. Given the facts of the case, I believe there is probable cause to charge Stephan Wahl with Aggravated Assault with a Weapon [FSS 784.021(1)(a)].
16. The BWC video for this incident has been uploaded to Evidence.com. A capias is being sought for the arrest of Stephan Wahl.

As such your Affiant believes that probable cause exists for the arrest of STEPHAN DALE WAHL for AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON, FSS 784.021(1)(A).

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Deputy Sheriff Hector Figueroa
Lake County Sheriff's Office

Sworn to and *Subscribed* before me

this _____12th_____ day of _____October_____, 2025_.

D/S 3213

Circle One: Notary Public - Certified Officer

__x__ Personally known to me
_____ Produced identification
Type:

IN THE CIRCUIT OR COUNTY COURT
OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF
FLORIDA IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY

State of Florida

Vs.

STEPHAN DALE WAHL

Lake County Sheriff's Office 250112454

ARREST WARRANT

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TO ALL AND SINGULAR THE SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, INVESTIGATORS OF THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICES AND/OR ALL OTHER AUTHORIZED POLICE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ACTING WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION:

Whereas, Deputy Sheriff Hector Figueroa of Lake County Sheriff's Office has this day electronically submitted a sworn affidavit, hereby incorporated herein, which establishes probable cause that in the County of Lake, the aforesaid, STEPHAN DALE WAHL did commit AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON, FSS 784.021(1)(A).

in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

Therefore, you are hereby commanded forthwith to arrest the said STEPHAN DALE WAHL and bring him before the proper court to be dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal this 13 day of OCTOBER ,2025_.

County/Circuit Judge, Lake County

In the Circuit or County Court
of
Lake County
State of Florida

State of Florida

vs.

Name: STEPHAN DALE WAHL
Address:

Race: White
Sex: Male
DOB:
FL ID#
SS#:
Hgt: 6'04
Wgt: 180 lbs

Warrant

Appearance Bond fixed at
Count 1: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON, FSS 784.021(1)(A) Bond $5,000

Total Bond: $5,000 CM

Fixed this _____ day of
*_____, 202_*

Clerk

Received the warrant this _____ day of _____, 202_ and executed the same in Lake County, Florida on the _____ day of _____, 202_ by arresting the within named defendant, and at the same time informing him/her of the cause of the arrest and the issuance of this warrant.

Sheriff of County

_____D.S.

Lake County Sheriff's Office
Corrections Operations Division

NO VICTIM CONTACT ORDER

As part of your court appearance, the judge imposed a NO VICTIM CONTACT ORDER pursuant to Florida Statutes 903. That means you are ordered by the Judge to NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT with the other person involved in the charge against you. That means you CANNOT do any of the following:

1. You CANNOT telephone, write, send messages by family, friends or third parties (except as set forth below) or have any verbal or nonverbal contact with the person(s):

David S. Rovell
print name of victim(s)

2. You CANNOT send any e-mail, text, or twitter to the person. You CANNOT have any internet or computer contact with the person, including, but not limited to, Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, or similar service.

3. You CANNOT go within 500 feet of anywhere the person is living, staying or visiting, even if it's your home. This means you CANNOT go home and get your belongings *unless law enforcement is with you.* You may have a family member or third party acceptable to the other person remove your clothing or personal effects, but you CANNOT be present during their removal. If there is any dispute in what can or cannot be removed, the family member or third party shall stop the removal and leave immediately.

4. You CANNOT knowingly go within 500 feet of the person's automobile or any vehicle the person is in, and you CANNOT follow the other person on public roads, streets, or in parking lots. Should you find yourself within 500 feet of the person, whether on public or private property, you must immediately remove yourself from the situation. The burden of maintaining the "no victim contact" is upon YOU and not the alleged victim. This means you cannot allow the alleged victim to contact or communicate with you, even if he or she attempts to contact you first. The alleged victim has no legal authority to relieve you of this Order. Only a Judge can do so by written order.

5. You CAN attend your own court hearings, but you CANNOT have any contact with the other person before, during or after those hearings except as permitted by the court.

6. Other

IF YOU DO NOT ABIDE BY ALL OF THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED UNDER THIS ORDER, YOU CAN BE ARRESTED, BROUGHT BACK TO JAIL AND YOUR BOND CAN BE REVOKED. ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER MAY CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE CRIMINAL CHARGE AGAINST YOU

I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A COPY OF THIS ORDER.

_____ DATE: _____
Defendant's Signature



LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA / WWW.LCSO.ORG
360 W. RUBY ST / TAVARES

PEYTON C. GRINNELL, SHERIFF

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION -- **VICTIM NOTIFICATION**

Florida law requires in certain cases that victims, their next of kin or designated contact of victim be notified by phone when a defendant is released from custody. A judge may also order no victim contact and notification in other cases such as theft etc. Victims have a right to request not to be notified of the defendant's release. Unless a victim requests not to be notified, those victims, next of kin or designated person who cannot be reached by phone will be notified in writing of the defendant's release. Notification applies in these cases whether felony, misdemeanor or juvenile crimes.

Defendant: ____ STEPHAN DALE WAHL _____

Defendant's Relationship to Victim is"

_____ Currently or formerly married

_____ Have a child in common

_____ Currently residing as if a family or have in the past resided together as if a family in the same single dwelling unit **&** [select ("X") one]:

_____Are related by blood or marriage, OR _____Are not related by blood or marriage.

__X__ Other relationship or no relationship.

Defendant's Charge(s) are: [Select ("X") all that apply]

_____ Homicide (pursuant to Chap. 782, Florida Statutes)

_____ Attempted Murder (pursuant to Chap. 794, Florida Statutes)

_____ Sexual Offense (pursuant to Florida Statutes)

_____ Attempted Sexual Offense (pursuant to Florida Statutes)

_____ Stalking (pursuant to s. 784.048, Florida Statutes

_____ Domestic Violence including/comprising:

____Assault ___X_Aggravated Assault ____Sexual Assault ____Stalking ____Aggravated Stalking

____Battery ____Aggravated Batter ____Sexual Battery ____Kidnapping ____False Imprisonment

____Other crime(s) resulting in physical injury and/or death of one family or household member by another family or household member. Specify crime: _____

Other: _____

VICTIM INFORMATION

VICTIM	NAME: ROVELL DAVID S (Last) (First) (Initial) PHYSICAL ADDRESS: Street: City: _____ State: _____ PHONE: Home (_____) _____ Work (___) _____ Alternate ___
Victim's Next of Kin or Other Designated Contact	NAME: _____ _____ _____ (Last) (First) (Initial) PHYSICAL ADDRESS: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ PHONE: Home (__) _____ Work (__) _____ Alternate (__) _____

Victim's Waiver Of Notification: I do not wish to be notified when the defendant is released from custody.

_____ _____ _____

Signature (Relationship to Victim) (Date)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

V. STEPHAN DALE

WAHL

DEFENDANT

COURT CASE NO.: _____

(AGENCY) CASE NO.:250112454_____

NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND/OR CONFIDENTIAL CRIME VICTIM INFORMATION WITHIN COURT FILING

Pursuant to Florida Rules of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.420(d)(2) and 2.423, I hereby certify that I am filing a document containing confidential information or confidential crime victim information and specifying its location within the document.

Title/Type of Document(s): ☐ Arrest Affidavit ☒ Other: CAPIAS

___X__ **Marsy's Law crime victim information** which can be used to locate or harass a victim (including next of kin of homicide victim) or a victim's family, or which could disclose confidential or privileged information of the victim. A "victim" is a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime or delinquent act or against whom the crime or delinquent act is committed. The term "victim" includes the victim's lawful representative, the parent or guardian of a minor victim, or the next of kin of a homicide victim, except upon a showing that the interest of such individual would be in actual or potential conflict with the interest of the victim. The term "victim" does not include the accused. Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.423(b)(1) & (b)(3); Fla. Const. Art. I, §16.

Type and location of information (*check all that apply*; *describe if necessary)*

☒ Victim address
Page Numbers Containing Victim address: 9 _____

☐ Other (Victim Phone Number and/or Email)
Page Numbers Containing Other Victim information: _____

____ **Social Security, bank account, charge, debit, and credit card numbers** in court records. §119.0714(1)(i)–(j), (2)(a)–(e), Fla. Stat.
Page Numbers Containing Confidential Information: _____

____ **Information identifying victims of child abuse or sexual offenses**, including child sexual abuse. §§ 119.071(2)(h), 119.0714(1)(h), Fla. Stat.
Page Numbers Containing Confidential Information: _____

_____ Criminal intelligence information or criminal investigative information that reveals the **personal identifying information of a witness to a murder**, as described in § 782.04. §119.071(2)(m)1, Fla. Stat.
Page Numbers Containing Confidential Information: _____

_____ **HIV test results** and patient identity within the HIV test results. § 381.004(3)(e), Fla. Stat.
Page Numbers Containing Confidential Information: _____

_____ **Sexually transmitted diseases — test results** and identity within the test results when provided by the Department of Health or the department's authorized representative. §384.29, Fla. Stat.
Page Numbers Containing Confidential Information: _____

_____ **Chapter 39 records** relating to dependency matters, termination of parental rights, guardians ad litem, child abuse, neglect, and abandonment. § 39.0132(3), Fla. Stat.
Page Numbers Containing Confidential Information: _____

_____ **Birth and death certificates**, including court-issued delayed birth certificates and fetal death certificates. §§ 382.008(6), 382.025(1)(a), Fla. Stat.
Page Numbers Containing Confidential Information: _____

_____ Identifying information in clinical mental health records under the **Baker Act**. §394.4615(7), Fla. Stat.
Page Numbers Containing Confidential Information: _____

_____ Records of substance abuse service providers which pertain to the identity, diagnosis, and prognosis of and service provision to **individuals who have received services from substance abuse service providers**. § 397.501(7), Fla. Stat.
Page Numbers Containing Confidential Information: _____

_____ Identifying information in clinical records of detained **criminal defendants found incompetent to proceed or acquitted by reason of insanity**. § 916.107(8), Fla. Stat.
Page Numbers Containing Confidential Information: _____

_____ **Victim's address in domestic violence action** on petitioner's request. § 741.30(3)(b), Fla. Stat.
Page Numbers Containing Confidential Information: _____

_____ **Guardianship** reports and orders appointing court monitors in guardianship cases. §§ 744.1076, 744.3701, Fla. Stat.
Page Numbers Containing Confidential Information: _____

_____ **Grand jury records**. Ch. 905, Fla. Stat.
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_____ Information acquired by courts and law enforcement regarding **family services for children**. § 984.06(3)–(4), Fla. Stat.
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Captain,

Mr. Wahl has been arrested multiple times in the past. Below is a list of jails he has physically been in. (See attachment for the breakdown)

Lake County Jail: Five times
Bevard County Jail: Twenty-Eight times
Lee County Jail: Two times
Volusia County Jail: Seven (And One Protection Order)
Department of Corrections: 18 Charges (over three counties) and physically in DOC six times.

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	Brevard County Sheriff's Office	
9/21/2011	Fail to Redeliver Hired Leased Property $300 or more	Felony
7/19/2011	FTA Felony Petit Theft	Felony
10/27/2010	FTA OTSC Petit Theft	Misdemeanor
8/12/2009	FTA VOP HRG Obtain Controlled Substance	Felony
	VOP Obtain Controlled Substance by Fraud	Felony
6/3/2009	VOP Acquire Obtain Controlled Substance by Fraud	Unknown
4/26/2009	VOP Battery	Unknown
2/19/2009	FTA Acquire Obtain Controlled Substance by Forgery	Felony
11/16/2008	VOP VOCS DWLS w/knowledge Expired DL 4 Months	Unknown
10/6/2008	Battery or Domestic Battery by Strangulation	Felony
7/14/2008	Controlled Substance without Prescription	Felony
	Drug Equipment Possession	Misdemeanor
	DWLSR	Misdemeanor
4/1/2008	Burglary of Occupied Dwelling Unarmed	Felony
	Petit Theft 1st Degree $100 or more but less than $300	Misdemeanor
	Burglary of Unoccupied Dwelling Unarmed	Felony
4/15/2007	VOP Fraud Use Credit Cards Grand Theft	Unknown
	Cocaine Possession	Felony
	Drug Equipment Possession	Misdemeanor
10/20/2005	VOP Forgery	Unknown
	VOP Forgery	Unknown
9/9/2005	VOP VOCC Deal Stolen Property	Unknown
7/1/2005	VOP Forgery	Unknown
	VOP Forgery	Unknown
	VOP Uttering a Forged Instrument	Unknown
	VOP Uttering a Forged Instrument	Unknown
	VOP Dealing in Stolen Property	Unknown
	Fraud Use Credit Card Obtain Goods 2+ times	Felony
3/2/2005	VOP Dealing in Stolen Property	Unknown
12/12/2004	VOP Dealing in Stolen Property	Unknown
2/25/2004	Dealing Traffic Stolen Property	Felony
	Grand Theft $300 or more but less than $5k	Felony
	Fraud False Statement-Verify Ownership Secondhand Dealer under $300	Misdemeanor
	DWLS/R Equiv Status	Misdemeanor
12/12/2004	VOP Dealing in Stolen Property	
11/19/2003	Drug Equipment Possession	Misdemeanor
	Fraud Illegal Use of Credit Cards	Felony
	Forgery; Alter Public Record Certificate ETC	Felony
	Utter False Instrument	Felony
	Grand Theft $20k or more but less than $100k	Felony
7/18/2003	Burglary of Structure or Conveyance Unarmed without Person Inside	Felony

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	Grand Theft of Dwelling $100 or less but more than $300	Felony
7/6/2002	Dealing Traffic Stolen Property	Felony
	Give False Verification of Ownership to Pawnbroker	Felony
9/22/1997	Battery	Felony
	Resisting Officer with Violence	Felony
4/18/1997	Burglary with Assault or Battery	Felony
	Lake County Sheriff's Office	
10/15/2025	Aggravated Assault with a Weapon	Felony
10/14/2025	Resist Officer Obstruct without Violence	Misdemeanor
10/6/2022	Battery Person over 65 YOA - Recommit (served 12/20/2023)	Felony
	Vop Aggravated Battery w/Deadly Weapon (added Volusia Cty Warrant) (added 12/6/2023)	Felony
	ORB Introduction of Contraband into County Facility (added served 10/12/2022)	Felony
	ORB Driving While License Suspended/ Revoked (added served 10/12/2022)	Felony
	ORB Possession of Alprazolam (added served 10/12/2022)	Felony
	ORB Fleeing or Attempting to Elude (added served 10/12/2022)	Felony
	Battery Person over 65 YOA or Older	Felony
10/2/2021	(Recommit) DWLS 3rd or Subsequent Offense	Felony
	(Recommit) Smuggle Contraband into County Facility	Felony
	(Recommit) Flee/Elude Police	Felony
	(Recommit) Possession of Controlled Substance	Felony
	Volusia County Warrant- Aggravated Battery w/a Deadly Weapon (added 11/4/2021)	Felony
7/25/2020	Flee/Elude Police with Disregard of Safety	Felony
	Possession of Controlled Substance Xanax	Felony
	DWLS 3rd Offense or Subsequent Offense	Felony
	Possession of Controlled Substance upon grounds of Correctional Facility	Felony
	Introduction of Contraband Controlled Substance into a Correctional Facility	Felony
	Volusia County PC VOP Aggravated Battery w/a Deadly Weapon (added 07/27/20)	Felony
	Lee County Sheriff's Office	
2/17/2015	FTA	Misdemeanor
6/19/2012	DWLS Habitual	Felon
	Volusia County Sheriff's Office	
3/28/2024	Aggravated Battery Deadly Weapon Great Bodily Harm	Felony
7/20/2020	Protection Order - Non Expiring (202031318)	
	Cocoa Police Department	
9/4/2008	Drive w/Expired License for more than 4 months	Misdemeanor

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	Daytona Beach Police Department	
625/2019	Shoplifting	Misdemeanor
1/19/2019	Aggravated Battery	Felony
10/5/2017	Assault	Misdemeanor
6/8/2016	Trespassing	Misdemeanor
	DWLCSR	Misdemeanor
	Fraud Imperson	Misdemeanor
3/2/2025	Intimidation; Threat against LEO	Misdemeanor
	Resisting without Violence	Misdemeanor
	Port Orange Police Department	
9/12/2016	DWLS Habitual Offender	Felony
8/12/2016	DWLCSR	Misdemeanor
	Titusville Police Department	
6/8/2011	Grand Theft $300 or more but less than $5k	Felony
7/7/208	Altered Instrument	Felony
5/16/2007	Commit Robbery with Firearm	Felony
	Grand Theft $300 or more but less than $5k	Felony
	VOP	Unknown
	Department of Corrections (DC# E21830) 2006, 2007, 2009-2010, 2012-2015, 2024	
	Aggravated Battery w/a Deadly Weapon (Volusia)	
	Battery upon Person 65 YOA or older (Lake)	
	WPN Contra. Co Detention Facility (Lake)	
	Habitual Traffic Offender (Lake)	
	Possession of Controlled Substance/Other (Lake)	
	Flee LEO/ No Regard (Lake)	
	Fraud Rental Property $300 (Brevard)	
	Grand Theft $300 or more but less than $5000 (Brevard)	
	Petit theft 3rd Conviction (Brevard)	
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	Obtain Substance by Fraud or Attempt (Brevard)	
	Grand Theft $300 or more but less than $5000 (Brevard)	
	Fraud Credit Card (Brevard)	
	Traffic in Stolen Property (Brevard)	
	Utter Forged Instrument (Brevard)	
	Forgery/Uttering (Brevard)	
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