

23-04-38



Richmond County Sheriff's Office Disciplinary Report

DEPUTY: Christopher Brown (C031) **EMPLOYEE ID:** 15193
DATE OF VIOLATION: 3/19/23
VIOLATION OF S.O.P. #: 7.6 Crime Reports

On March 29th, 2023, I received a complaint in reference to Deputy Christopher Brown. Ms. Takesha Drayton stated that she was at 2306 Gordon Highway (Club Velvet) on 3/19/2023, and became involved in an altercation with the bar manager. Ms. Drayton stated that she and the manager were in a shoving match, at which time Deputy Brown pushed her to the floor. Ms. Drayton stated that after Deputy Brown handcuffed her, he picked her up by the handcuffs and caused an injury to her wrist and arm. Ms. Drayton stated that she requested an ambulance several times, but Deputy Brown didn't call for one. She stated that she received a citation from Deputy Brown and was released. Ms. Drayton stated that she left the scene and went to the hospital where she discovered that her left wrist was broken. Ms. Drayton stated that her wrist was broken when Deputy Brown picked her up from the floor. After reviewing body cam video, the initial complaint (excess force) was found unsubstantiated. However, it was discovered during the investigation of the complaint that Deputy Brown failed to complete a case report after an employee and customer were involved in a physical altercation. This incident took place while Deputy Brown was working special duty. Pursuant to RCSO Special Duty SOP: Any and all verbal and or, physical altercations occurring in or on the establishments' property shall require an incident report be completed and filed. If a deputy is asked to intervene in any incident, no matter the severity of the conflict, a report will be required. Deputy Brown should have also completed a Use of Force report, after having to push Ms. Drayton away when she grabbed him. Deputy Brown was counseled on Special Duty SOP, Use of Force Policy and Procedures, as well as documenting all incidents in a timely manner. Deputy Brown completed an incident report and Use of Force on 3/29/2023. He also advised RCSO Vice of the incident. Deputy Brown was made aware that should this trend continue, increased disciplinary action would be taken.

Deputy Brown was counseled on 11/28/22 for not completing a report.
Deputy Brown was written up on 1/5/23 for not completing reports, resulting in 2 days suspension.
Deputy Brown was counseled on 2/11/23 for not completing reports.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION INITIATED BY: Cpl. Zay'Vion Williams C52

DATE: 3/30/23

PROPOSED ACTION: 3 Days (24 hrs) suspension without pay- Performance Improvement Plan initiated

REVIEWED BY: (IF APPLICABLE)

	DATE:	Agree	Disagree	Recommendation
CORPORAL: <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>4/21/23</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SERGEANT:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LIEUTENANT: <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>04/11/23</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CAPTAIN: <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>4/11/23</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MAJOR: <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>4/17/23</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COLONEL: <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>4/19/23</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CHIEF DEPUTY:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SHERIFF: <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>04/19/23</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

FINAL DISPOSITION:

As stated above

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE:

[Signature]

Suspension to be served Wed, April 26th. Thurs, April 27, 2023

23-01-12



Richmond County Sheriff's Office Disciplinary Report

DEPUTY: Dep. Christopher Brown **EMPLOYEE ID:** 15193
DATE OF VIOLATION: 1/5/22
VIOLATION OF S.O.P. #: 7.6 Crime reports (completing reports)

The following reports were received in an untimely manner from Dep. Christopher Brown.
Case # 22-282832, accident report from 11/29/22 was recieved and approved on 01/04/23.
Case # 22-296391, accident report from 12/17/22 was recieved and approved on 12/29/22.
Case # 22-301969, accident report from 12/26/22 was recieved and approved on 01/05/23. The pursuit report for this case was also turned in late.
Case # 22-296647, warrants (Flecing-Fel, Obstruction- Misd) from 12/17/22 were obtained on 01/05/23. The pursuit report for this case was also turned in late by Dep Brown.
Dep. Brown is well aware that his reports must be submitted by the end of shift and requires a supervisor approval to recieve a 24 hours extension. Furthermore Deputy Brown is well aware that warrants for an "at large" suspect must be obtained immediately.

It should be noted that on 12-07-22, Dep. Brown was verbally counseled by Sgt. Daniels and Cpl. Williams in reference to numerous outstanding reports that had been submitted late or were still works in progress. The case numbers were as follows:
22-279662 from 11/24/22
22-282016 from 11/28/22
22-282161 from 11/28/22
22-282954 from 11/29/22
22-284901 from 12/02/22
22-284901 from 12/03/22
22=285998 from 12/03/22
Dep. Brown was made aware that should this trend continue, disciplinary action would be taken going forward.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION INITIATED BY: Sgt. Kenneth Daniels

DATE: 1/10/23

PROPOSED ACTION: 2- Day suspension (16 hours)

REVIEWED BY: (IF APPLICABLE)

	DATE:	Agree	Disagree	Recommendation
CORPORAL: <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/13/23</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SERGEANT:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
LIEUTENANT: <u>Steve Fanning</u>	<u>1/11/23</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CAPTAIN: <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>1/13/23</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MAJOR:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COLONEL:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CHIEF DEPUTY:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
SHERIFF:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

FINAL DISPOSITION:

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE:

[Signature]



RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Richard Roundtree

Law Enforcement Center

400 Walton Way

Augusta, GA 30901

Phone: 706.821.1000 Fax: 706.821.1064

20-09-50

DEPUTY: Christopher Brown

EMPLOYEE ID: 15193

DATE OF

VIOLATION: 01/24/2020

VIOLATION OF S.O.P.

#: 9.5 Collection and Preservation of Evidence

On 01/24/2020 at approximately 2050 hours, Deputy Christopher Brown worked an assignment with the Pro-Active team. After Deputies initiated a traffic stop and approached the vehicle, Deputy Brown noticed a smell of marijuana which subsequently led to the discovery of a bottle that contained 26 white pills identified as 10mg of Oxycodone that was illegally obtained by the driver of the vehicle, Reginald McGee. McGee was arrested and charged with Possession of Oxycodone, Failure to Maintain Lane and Driving while License Suspended or Revoked. The passenger, Rodericka Roberson was also arrested and charged with Possession of Oxycodone. According to the report, the 26 Oxycodone pills were submitted into evidence. See case #20-026287.

During the continued investigation and review for prosecution of this case, the District Attorney's Office was unable to locate the traffic citations and the evidence. Deputy Brown along with Narcotics' supervisors attempted to locate the evidence and were unable to locate it after exhausting all possible locations. Investigators and Deputies on scene with Deputy Brown along with Narcotics' supervisors advised that on the night of 01/24/2020, there were multiple arrests and evidence collected during pro-active patrol and they do not believe there was any criminal intent on the part of Deputy Brown.

Upon speaking with Deputy Brown, he advised that he thoroughly searched his patrol vehicle after he learned that the evidence was missing as well as assisted in the search with Narcotics supervisors. Deputy Brown submitted a photograph to IA Investigators to show where the evidence was taken to the Narcotics Division to be processed but was unable to recall what happened after he left the Narcotics Division. Deputy Brown advised that he then reported to his Special Duty assignment and on 01/26/2020 at 657 hours, Deputy Brown went to 400 Walton Way to sign the warrants in this case. Deputy Brown did not recall if he had the evidence with him to put into the afterhours Crime Scene evidence locker.

Deputy Brown, according to RCSO policy, "all evidence is to be properly packaged, and the property receipt and chain of custody will be started to include; item, date, signature, temporary holding bin number. Evidence will be logged into RCSO records and turn over to the evidence control function before the deputy/investigator ends his/her tour of duty" although there are some exceptions. Deputy Brown, the mishandling of the evidence in this case violated policy and caused the dismissal of the criminal case by the DA's office which may not have happened if the evidence was properly handled which could have resulted in the successful prosecution of this case due to the admissions made by the suspects during the course of this investigation.



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Sheriff Richard Roundtree

Law Enforcement Center

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DISCIPLINARY ACTION INITIATED BY: Sgt. Kimberly Lee

DATE: 09/20/2020

PROPOSED ACTION: Rotation with Crime Scene, Evidence Collection & Preservation Course (Offered on line-GPSTC 1 hour) and 2 days (16hours) suspension without pay.

REVIEWED BY: (IF APPLICABLE)

LIEUTENANT:	_____	DATE:	_____	Agree or Disagree
CAPTAIN:	<u>[Signature]</u>	DATE:	<u>09/22/20</u>	<u>Agree</u> or Disagree
MAJOR:	<u>[Signature]</u>	DATE:	<u>09/22/20</u>	<u>Agree</u> or Disagree
COLONEL:	_____	DATE:	_____	Agree or Disagree
CHIEF DEPUTY:	_____	DATE:	_____	Agree or Disagree
SHERIFF:	_____	DATE:	_____	Agree or Disagree

SHERIFF'S OR DESIGNEE RECOMMENDATION: _____

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE: [Signature]



WITNESS(ES) FOR STATE

Christopher Brown

400 Walton Way, Augusta, GA, 30901

STEPHEN HEGG

400 Walton Way, AUGUSTA, GA, 30901

VICTIM(S)

CO-DEFENDANTS(S)

Rodericka Vanesha Roberson

STATE OF GEORGIA, RICHMOND COUNTY EXECUTED
THE WITHIN WARRANT BY ARRESTING THE BODY OF

Reginald Jerome McGee



Law Enforcement Officer

EXECUTION

RELEASE ON BOND OF _____
WITH THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

RELEASE ON OWN RECOGNIZANCE
PURSUANT TO ORDER OF JUDGE: _____

FOR RICHARD ROUNDTREE
Sheriff of Richmond County

BY _____
Jailor

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, _____

COMMITMENT HEARING

SET FOR: _____ DAY OF: _____, _____
WAIVED: _____ DAY OF: _____, _____

Defendant

Witness

Felony

CRIMINAL ARREST WARRANT

WARRANT# CE-0134648

STATE OF GEORGIA

vs.

Reginald Jerome McGee

CHARGED WITH:
POSSESSION OF OXYCODONE - Felony
O.C.G.A CODE: 16-13-30
NCIC CODE: 3563

ADDRESS:
2003 Cook Rd,
AUGUSTA, GA, 30904

RACE: B

SEX: MALE

DOB: 1989

SSN: _____

HEIGHT: 6'00"

WEIGHT: 170

EYE: BRO (Brown)

HAIR: BLK (Black)

SMT:

EMPLOYER:

EMPLOYER ADDRESS:

JACKET NUMBER: 2356750

PICKUP CODE:

OCA NUMBER: 20-026287

SRN NUMBER:

NCIC NUMBER:

AGENCY: GA1210000



Richmond County Sheriff's Office

CASE REPORT

CASE# 2020-00026287

400 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901

EVENT	REPORTED DATE/TIME 01/24/2020 23:50	OCCURRED INCIDENT TYPE (3500) Dangerous Drugs	
	OCCURRED FROM DATE/TIME 01/24/2020 23:40	OCCURRED THRU DATE/TIME 01/24/2020 23:50	LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE 31 SKINNER MILL RD Augusta, GA

OFFENSES	STATUTE/DESCRIPTION	COUNTS	ATTEMPT/COMMIT
	01	16-13-30.Z.17 POSSESSION OF OXYCODONE	1

SUBJECT	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE Adult	Arrested		NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) McGee, Reginald Jerome			
	DOB 1989	AGE or AGE RANGE 30	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 25 MILES ST Augusta, GA 30906				
	RACE Black	SEX Male	HEIGHT or RANGE 5'11 5'11	WEIGHT or RANGE 170 170	HAIR Black	EYE Black	
	DL NUMBER/STATE / GA	PRIMARY PHONE	PHONE #2	PHONE #3			

SUBJECT	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE Adult	Arrested		NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) Roberson, Rodericka Vanesha			
	DOB 1992	AGE or AGE RANGE 27	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 25 MILES ST Augusta, GA 30906				
	RACE Black	SEX Female	HEIGHT or RANGE 5'8. 5'8.	WEIGHT or RANGE 150 150	HAIR Black	EYE Brown	
	DL NUMBER/STATE / GA	PRIMARY PHONE	PHONE #2	PHONE #3			

SUBJECT	JACKET/SUBJECT TYPE			NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)			
	DOB	AGE or AGE RANGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)				
	RACE	SEX	HEIGHT or RANGE	WEIGHT or RANGE	HAIR	EYE	
	DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE	PHONE #2	PHONE #3			

15193

REPORTING OFFICER BROWN, CHRISTOPHER 4700360	DATE 01/24/2020	REVIEWED BY HESTER, TY
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Richmond County Sheriff's Office

CASE REPORT

400 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901

CASE# 2020-00026287

VEHICLES as INVOLVED

INVOLVED VEHICLE	VEHICLE ROLE Suspect Vehicle			
	VEH YR 2001	TYPE/MAKE/MODEL Honda ACCORD		STYLE 4 Door Sedan
	PLATE / STATE RPV4599 / GA	VIN 1HGCG56631A114802	TOP COLOR Silver	BOTTOM COLOR Silver
	ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION HONDA ACCORD U.S. EX 4S SILVER			

INVOLVED VEHICLE	VEHICLE ROLE			
	VEH YR	TYPE/MAKE/MODEL		STYLE
	PLATE / STATE	VIN	TOP COLOR	BOTTOM COLOR
	ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION			

VEHICLES as PROPERTY

PROPERTY VEHICLE	PROPERTY CODE			VALUE
	VEH YR	TYPE/MAKE/MODEL		STYLE
	PLATE / STATE	VIN	TOP COLOR	BOTTOM COLOR
	ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION			

PROPERTY VEHICLE	PROPERTY CODE			VALUE
	VEH YR	TYPE/MAKE/MODEL		STYLE
	PLATE / STATE	VIN	TOP COLOR	BOTTOM COLOR
	ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION			

PROPERTY VEHICLE	PROPERTY CODE			VALUE
	VEH YR	TYPE/MAKE/MODEL		STYLE
	PLATE / STATE	VIN	TOP COLOR	BOTTOM COLOR
	ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION			

REPORTING OFFICER BROWN, CHRISTOPHER 4700360	DATE 01/24/2020	REVIEWED BY HESTER, TY
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Richmond County Sheriff's Office

CASE REPORT
400 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901

CASE# 2020-00026287

NARRATIVE

CASE NUMBER: 20-026287

At 2350 hours on 1-24-2020 I Deputy Christopher Brown and Deputy Steffan Hegg observed a silver in color Honda Accord with a GA tag of RPV4599 traveling south on Skinner Mill Road just before Warren Road, Augusta, GA. 30909 failing to maintain lane. The vehicle crossed the yellow line 3 times into the oncoming traffic lane at which time we activated the emergency equipment on our patrol vehicle and initiated a traffic stop.

The vehicle pulled into 31 [REDACTED] Skinner Mill Road. Upon approaching the vehicle on the passenger side I observed Reginald McGee in the driver's seat and Rodericka Roberson in the front passenger seat. I noticed the smell of burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle. I also noticed the smell of alcohol coming from Roberson. I then explained to McGee why he was pulled over and he stated that he understood. I then asked both subjects to exit the vehicle and that I would be searching it due to the odor of marijuana.

Upon a search of the vehicle I found marijuana residue under the front passenger seat and a white and purple handbag that contained a yellow pill bottle. The name on the bottle was Freddie Ruffin. The bottle contained 26 white pills identified as 10mg Oxycodone. Inside the bag was also found both McGee and Roberson's GA ID cards.

I then read both suspects their Miranda Rights. Both subjects agreed to speak to me without an attorney present. McGee stated that he and Roberson purchased the pills together at 4 dollars a pill from a friend so that Roberson could use them due to her being in pain after her most recent child birth. Roberson also stated that the pills were purchased by McGee for her because she is in pain.

The pills were identified using Drugs.com. Both suspects were committed to the Richmond County Jail. The vehicle was parked in the parking lot at the request of the owner. McGee was cited for failure to maintain lane and driving while license suspended under citation numbers 268556 and 268557. Warrants turned into Records.

NOTE: BWC Recording By Deputy Christopher Brown.

REPORTING OFFICER BROWN, CHRISTOPHER 4700360	DATE 01/24/2020	REVIEWED BY HESTER, TY
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Richmond County Sheriff's Office

ARREST INFORMATION SHEET
400 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901

CASE# 2020-00026287

TRANSPORTED BY: CRAWFORD, DANIEL, D.,

DETAILS	ARREST DATE/TIME	ARREST TYPE	ARRESTING OFFICER
	01/25/2020 00:12	Felony	BROWN, CHRISTOPHER 4700360
LOCATION OF ARREST			
3190 Skinner Mill RD Augusta, GA			

ARRESTEE

ARRESTEE	NAME (JACKET TYPE/LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX)				
	McGee, Reginald Jerome				
	DOB	AGE	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP)		
	█/1989	30	25 █ MILES ST Augusta, GA 30906		
RACE	SEX	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAR	EYE
Black	Male	5.0'11.0	170	Black	Black
DL NUMBER/STATE	PRIMARY PHONE		PHONE #2	PHONE #3	
█/GA	█				

CHARGES

	STATUTE / DESCRIPTION	COUNTS	ATTEMPT/COMMIT
01	16-13-30.Z.17 POSSESSION OF OXYCODONE	1	Commit
02	40-6-48 FAILURE TO MAINTAIN LANE	1	Commit
03	40-5-121 DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED	1	Commit

NARRATIVE

Listed subject was arrested at the listed location and committed to the Richmond County Jail; Warrant/waiver attached.

REPORTING OFFICER	DATE	REVIEWED BY
BROWN, CHRISTOPHER 4700360	01/25/2020	BECKMAN, BRANDON 02/14/2020



Richmond County Sheriff's Office

ARREST INFORMATION SHEET

400 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901

CASE# 2020-00026287

TRANSPORTED BY: CRAWFORD, DANIEL, D.,

DETAILS	ARREST DATE/TIME 01/24/2020 00:38	ARREST TYPE Felony	ARRESTING OFFICER BROWN, CHRISTOPHER 4700360
	LOCATION OF ARREST 311 SKINNER MILL RD Augusta, GA		

ARRESTEE

ARRESTEE	NAME (JACKET TYPE LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE SUFFIX) Roberson, Rodericka Vanesha							
	DOB [REDACTED] 1992	AGE 27	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 25 [REDACTED] MILES ST Augusta, GA 30906					
	RACE Black	SEX Female	HEIGHT 5.0'8.0	WEIGHT 150	HAIR Black	EYE Brown		
	DL NUMBER/STATE [REDACTED] / GA	PRIMARY PHONE [REDACTED]	PHONE #2	PHONE #3				

CHARGES

CHARGES	STATUTE / DESCRIPTION	COUNTS	ATTEMPT/COMMIT
	01	16-13-30.Z.17 POSSESSION OF OXYCODONE	1

NARRATIVE

I arrested the listed subject at the listed location and committed her to the Richmond County Jail; Warrant/waiver attached

REPORTING OFFICER BROWN, CHRISTOPHER 4700360	DATE 01/24/2020	REVIEWED BY DANKO, JOEL P.	01/25/2020
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Kimberly Lee

From: Paul Godden
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 11:27 PM
To: Kimberly Lee
Subject: Re: RCSO Case ##20-026287

We were very busy that night and made multiple cases. I have searched all of the cases we made that night and cannot find the evidence for the case in question.

Sergeant Paul Godden
Richmond County Sheriff's Office
Criminal Investigations Division- Gang Unit
400 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901

Office: 796-821-1045

From: Kimberly Lee <KLee@augustaga.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 1:41:41 PM
To: Paul Godden <pgodden@augustaga.gov>; Stefan Hegg <SHegg@augustaga.gov>
Subject: RCSO Case ##20-026287

Good Afternoon,

The DA's office is trying to locate the drug evidence in this case. It has two case numbers the initial case number is #20-026287 and the second case number is for 20-26301.

Is there anything you remember about this case that maybe helpful ? Narcotics has searched and they are unable to locate the evidence. Lt. Danko or Sgt. Brabazon may have already asked you about this case, if so let me know.

Thank you.

Kimberly Lee

Sgt. Kimberly Lee
Internal Affairs – Public Information Office
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Kimberly Lee

From: Stefan Hegg
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Kimberly Lee
Subject: RE: RCSO Case ##20-026287

Sgt Lee,

I think the evidence was pills in a pill bottle with either no label or a label bearing someone else's name (hence the charge) but I don't remember what kind they were. I want to say they were turned into the drug safe in the gang office/testing area the same night. I remember the copy of the citations issued to the suspect went missing as well because I had to find the officer copies.

Thanks,

Hegg

From: Kimberly Lee <KLee@augustaga.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 1:42 PM
To: Paul Godden <pgodden@augustaga.gov>; Stefan Hegg <SHegg@augustaga.gov>
Subject: RCSO Case ##20-026287
Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

The DA's office is trying to locate the drug evidence in this case. It has two case numbers the initial case number is #20-026287 and the second case number is for 20-26301.

Is there anything you remember about this case that maybe helpful ? Narcotics has searched and they are unable to locate the evidence. Lt. Danko or Sgt. Brabazon may have already asked you about this case, if so let me know.

Thank you.

Kimberly Lee

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Kimberly Lee

From: Joel P. Danko
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Kimberly Lee; Glen Rahn; Albert G. Brabazon
Subject: Re: RCSO#20-026287

We have been unable to locate the drug evidence that was requested for court. We checked several other avenues to see if the drugs were misplaced or accidentally packaged incorrectly. Dep. Chris Brown made the case in November. We have no record that the drugs ever made it to our safe. Dep. Brown is extremely upset about this and came to the office several times to try and help locate the items. Sgt. Brabazon has the information on the case on his desk. Sgt. Brabazon will send you the information today.

Lieutenant Joel Danko
Criminal Investigative Division / Narcotics / SWAT
Richmond County Sheriff's Office
Phone: 706-821-1403
Cell: [REDACTED]
www.RCSOGA.org

From: Kimberly Lee <KLee@augustaga.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 2:13:27 PM
To: Joel P. Danko <JDanko@augustaga.gov>
Subject: RCSO#20-026287

Good Afternoon,

I spoke with Sgt. Concepcion on yesterday and he advised that you were working with Deputy Brown in trying to locate the evidence from this case. Can you keep me and Lt. Rahn posted on the outcome ?

Thank you.

Kimberly Lee

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Kimberly Lee

From: Glen Rahn
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Kimberly Lee
Subject: FW: RCSO#20-026287

Will you reach out to Lt. Adams and see if he found out anything from Chris. I cant see how the pills and citations are both missing.

From: Patrick Young <pyoung@augustaga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Glen Rahn <GRahn@augustaga.gov>
Subject: FW: RCSO#20-026287

Captain Patrick Young
Criminal Investigation Division
Richmond County Sheriff's Office
400 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: 706-821-1086



From: Patrick Young
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Patrick Clayton <PClayton@augustaga.gov>
Subject: FW: RCSO#20-026287

The Chris Brown case

Captain Patrick Young
Criminal Investigation Division
Richmond County Sheriff's Office
400 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901
Phone: 706-821-1086

The body cam in this case starts with reading Miranda to the defendants. None of the stop, initial interview or search of the vehicle is on body cam.

Also in regard to this case. The report indicates that 26 Oxycodone pills were seized. However, there is no indication in the report as to what happened to them. The Crime Lab never received them. I need to know what happened to the pills.

Thanks,

P. E. (Pete) Lamb
Assistant District Attorney
District Attorney's Office
Augusta Judicial Circuit
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Augusta, Georgia, 30901
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"Therefore, whoever knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, for him it is sin."

Ya'akov (James) (Jacob) 4:17

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AED:104.1

The Garrity Warning

1. I, Christopher Brown, am being questioned as part of an investigation by this agency into potential violations of department rules and regulations, or for my fitness for duty. This investigation concerns:

Case No. 20-026287

2. No answer given by me, nor evidence derived from the answer, may be used against me in any criminal proceeding, except for perjury or false swearing.
3. I understand that I must now answer questions specifically, directly and narrowly related to the performance of my official duties or my fitness for office.
4. If I refuse to answer, I may be subject to discipline for that refusal which can result in my dismissal from this agency.
5. Anything I say may be used against me in any subsequent department charges.

Signature: _____

Date: 9/21/2020 Time: 1954

Location: RCSO, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, 400 WALTON WAY

Witnessed by: Kimberly Lee

Witnessed by: _____

GARRITY RIGHTS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

The Garrity rule comes from the United States Supreme Court case of Garrity v. New Jersey. It is the right of a law enforcement officer¹ to be free from compulsory self-incrimination. The basic thrust of the Garrity Rule is that a department member may be compelled to give statements under threat of discipline or discharge but those statements may not be used in the criminal prosecution of the individual officer. The courts have held that choosing to work in a police department does not give a person a "watered-down" version of their Fifth Amendment to right against self-incrimination.

Before a law enforcement agency can discipline an officer for refusing to answer questions, the agency must do the following:

- Order the officer to answer the questions under threat of disciplinary action,
- Ask questions that are specifically, directly and narrowly related to the officer's duties or the officer's fitness for duty, AND
- Advise the officer that the answers to the questions will not be used against the officer in criminal proceedings.



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20-02-32

DEPUTY: Christopher Brown **EMPLOYEE ID:** 15193
DATE OF VIOLATION: 02/15/20
VIOLATION OF S.O.P. #: Patrol Vehicle Operations of a Motor Vheicle 5.2-10.1

On 02/15/20 at 1200 hours Dep. Christopher Brown was involved in his second at fault accident on Walton Way and Eve Street. Dep. Christopher Brown turned left from east bound Walton Way to north bound Eve Street into the path of a west bound vehicle causing the passenger's side of Dep. Brown's vehicle to strike the front of the west bound vehicle. Dep. Brown was found at fault in the accident for Failure to Yield While Turning Left. Dep. Brown was also involved in an accident on 10/12/19 and found at fault for Failure to Maintain lane. Due to this being Dep. Brown second At fault accident I'm assessing a 1 day suspension , 30 days with Loss of take home vehicle and special duty vehicle. Dep. Brown will also have to take a Defensive driving training course.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION INITIATED BY: Lt. William Adams

DATE: 02/19/20

PROPOSED ACTION: One day Suspension Loss of take home and Special duty vehicle for 30 days Defensive Driving Course.

REVIEWED BY: (IF APPLICABLE)

Recommendation

CORPORAL:	DATE:	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
SERGEANT: <u>W.B. Adams</u>	DATE: <u>02/20/20</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
LIEUTENANT: <u>W.B. Adams</u>	DATE: <u>02/19/20</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
CAPTAIN:	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
MAJOR:	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
COLONEL:	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
CHIEF DEPUTY:	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
SHERIFF:	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____

FINAL DISPOSITION:

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE:

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20-02-30



DEPUTY: Christopher Brown EMPLOYEE ID: 15193

DATE OF VIOLATION: 01/28/20; 02/01/20

VIOLATION OF S.O.P. #: 4.26 Unsatisfactory Performance

Deputy Brown has had a continuing issue with turning in reports in a timely manner and has been verbally counseled several times. He was written up on 02/20/19 and given 8 hours of suspension from Lt. Compton/Sgt. DiGiacomo which has not seemed to help correct the problem. I, Sgt. Logue have verbally counseled Deputy Brown on completing his report in a timely manner on several occasions. On 02/18/20 I received email from Sgt. Kimberly Loffreda in Records Bureau stating that on 01/28/20 Deputy Brown called in a stolen/recovered vehicle {20-029778} and that the report was still in rejected status and not turned in. Also report {20-034147} on a runaway juvenile that had been called into Records on 02/01/20. The report had been in the Q as a work in-progress as of 02/17/20. On 02/18/20 she checked the status again and found it had been deleted. I spoke with Deputy Brown about these reports and he stated that he had forgotten about them. Deputy Brown's inability to complete his reports on time sheds a negative light on the Sheriff's Office and the shift.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION INITIATED BY: Sgt. Mike Logue

DATE: 02/19/20

PROPOSED ACTION: 2 days suspension W/O pay {16hours}. No extra duty in same cycle

REVIEWED BY: (IF APPLICABLE)

CORPORAL: _____
SERGEANT: Mike Logue
LIEUTENANT: W.B. Adams
CAPTAIN: _____
MAJOR: _____
COLONEL: _____
CHIEF DEPUTY: _____
SHERIFF: _____

DATE: _____ Agree Disagree
DATE: 02/20/20 Agree Disagree
DATE: 02/20/20 Agree Disagree
DATE: _____ Agree Disagree
DATE: _____ Agree Disagree
DATE: _____ Agree Disagree
DATE: _____ Agree Disagree

SHERIFF'S OR DESIGNEE RECOMMENDATION: _____

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE: [Signature]



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19-10-25 ¹⁰

DEPUTY: Christopher Brown **EMPLOYEE ID:** 15193

DATE OF VIOLATION: 10/12/19 0028 hours

VIOLATION OF S.O.P. #: Patrol Operations of a Motor Vehicle 5.2-10.1

On Saturday 10/12/19 at 0028 hours Dep. Christopher Brown was responding to a fight call (19-364019) toned out by dispatch. Dep. Brown was traveling southwest on Lake Shore Loop with his emergency equipment activated attempting to negotiate a curve when a brown dog ran into his path. Dep. Brown was unable to maintain his lane causing his vehicle to leave the roadway and strike several trees. Dep. Brown was found at fault in the accident for Failure to Maintain Lane. This is Dep. Brown first accident since the new Accident/Good Driver policy was enacted. Dep. Brown was warned that future accidents will result in more severe disciplinary actions.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION INITIATED BY: Lt. William Adams

DATE: 10/17/19

PROPOSED ACTION: Written Warning and Driver Refresher Training

REVIEWED BY: (IF APPLICABLE)

Recommendation

CORPORAL:	_____	DATE:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
SERGEANT:	_____	DATE:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
LIEUTENANT:	<u>W.B. Adams</u>	DATE:	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
CAPTAIN:	_____	DATE:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
MAJOR:	_____	DATE:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
COLONEL:	_____	DATE:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
CHIEF DEPUTY:	_____	DATE:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____
SHERIFF:	_____	DATE:	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	_____

FINAL DISPOSITION: _____

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE:



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19-03-04

DEPUTY: Chris Brown **EMPLOYEE ID:** 15193

DATE OF VIOLATION: 12/18/18, 02/12/19,

02/15/19

VIOLATION OF S.O.P.

#: 4.26 Unsatisfactory Performance

Dep. Brown has had a continuing issue turning reports in on time and has been verbally counseled several times and was given a written warning on 01/15/19. On 12/18/18 I received an Email from Angela Gates stating Dep. Brown turned in a gun and property receipt but did not do a report on the incident 18-460367. On 02/12/19 Dep. Brown answered a call for a mentally unstable person and did not turn the report in until 02/18/19 19-056189. On 02/15/19 Dep. Brown answered a call for a mentally unstable person and as of 02/20/19 the report has still not been turned in 19-060312.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION INITIATED

BY: Sgt. Ryan DiGiacomo B-31 / R.T. J.R. Compton

DATE: 02/20/2019

PROPOSED

ACTION: 1 day suspension W/O pay (8 hours), No extra duty in same cycle.

REVIEWED BY: (IF APPLICABLE)

CORPORAL: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
SERGEANT: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
LIEUTENANT: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
CAPTAIN: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
MAJOR: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
COLONEL: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
CHIEF DEPUTY: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
SHERIFF: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree

SHERIFF'S OR DESIGNEE RECOMMENDATION:

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE:



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19-01-36

DEPUTY: Chris Brown **EMPLOYEE ID:** 15193

DATE OF VIOLATION: 01/14/2019

VIOLATION OF S.O.P. #: 4.26 Unsatisfactory Performance

During the shift on 01/14/2019 Dep. Brown answered a call for a possible Burglary. At the end of the shift Dep. Brown did not turn in the case report. On 01/15/2019 @ 1745 Dep. Brown was asked about the report and why it was not turned in before he went off duty. Dep. Brown stated he was waiting for the victim to track his phone through his phone company. Dep. Brown has been verbally counseled several times in the past about turning in his reports on time.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION INITIATED

BY: Sgt. Ryan DiGiacomo B-31

DATE: 01/15/2019

PROPOSED

ACTION: Written Warning

REVIEWED BY: (IF APPLICABLE)

CORPORAL: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
SERGEANT: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
LIEUTENANT: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
CAPTAIN: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
MAJOR: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
COLONEL: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
CHIEF DEPUTY: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree
SHERIFF: _____	DATE: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree

SHERIFF'S OR DESIGNEE RECOMMENDATION:

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18-01-34

DEPUTY: Christopher Brown C031 **EMPLOYEE ID:** 15193

DATE OF

VIOLATION: January 9, 2018

VIOLATION OF S.O.P.#: 3.7 Duty to Honor Subpoena (Rules and Regulations)

On January 2, 2018 Deputy Brown was served a subpoena to appear at a preliminary hearing on January 9, 2018 at 1400 hours. Deputy Brown failed to appear at the hearing and the case was dismissed against the defendant. A subsequent Grand Jury hearing was set for the defendant. Dep. Brown was reminded of the importance of his attendance to court proceedings and warned that future incidents of this nature would result in more serious action.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION INITIATED

BY: Lt. J.R. Compton

DATE: January 22, 2018

PROPOSED

ACTION: Written Warning

REVIEWED BY: (IF APPLICABLE)

MAJOR: _____ **DATE:** _____ Agree Disagree

COLONEL: _____ **DATE:** _____ Agree Disagree

CHIEF DEPUTY: _____ **DATE:** _____ Agree Disagree

SHERIFF: _____ **DATE:** _____ Agree Disagree

SHERIFF'S OR DESIGNEE RECOMMENDATION:

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17-05-29

C031

10/11/2014

DEPUTY: Brown, Christopher C031 **EMPLOYEE ID:** 15193

DATE OF VIOLATION: March 21, 2017

VIOLATION OF S.O.P. #: Unsatisfactory Performance 4.26

On 032117 Deputy Christopher Brown, along with others, were working a special duty assignment at the S-Bar 1505 North Leg Rd. when he was summoned into the club to investigate a fight. Brown stated that when he entered the bar he did not see a fight, but club security was assisting a subject out of the door who was bleeding from the mouth. Brown went on to say that he continued into the bar and told the bleeding subject to wait at the door with security. Brown said he found no altercation in the club and when he returned to the door the subject took off and made a remark about going to get his friends. Brown at this point took no further action. The subject later showed up at the hospital with several injuries attributed to the fight. A report was filed under case# 17-115664.

Deputy Brown is being counseled in this matter for unsatisfactory performance. Brown should have completed at least a miscellaneous report to document the incident. There is also the matter that Brown did not activate his body worn camera to record the event. It has been practice to document all incidents at alcohol beverage establishments. The body worn camera is also to be used during all police interactions with the public per departmental policy.

Brown has been advised of these infractions and told that future violations will result in more serious action.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION INITIATED

BY: Lt. James Compton A056

DATE: March 27, 2017

PROPOSED

ACTION: Written Counsel

REVIEWED BY: (IF APPLICABLE)

MAJOR: _____ **DATE:** _____ Agree Disagree

COLONEL: _____ **DATE:** _____ Agree Disagree

CHIEF DEPUTY: _____ **DATE:** _____ Agree Disagree

SHERIFF: _____ **DATE:** _____ Agree Disagree

SHERIFF'S OR DESIGNEE RECOMMENDATION:

EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE: 

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February 24, 2015

Christopher Brown

Re: **Counseling Session**

This is a warning being issued to you on 2/19/15 you stated that you found the cell window shattered to cell A-C-3 at approx. 2000 hrs. during this time you failed to notify a supervisor of the incident. You stated that Dep. Moulton advised that he was aware of the incident when asked and he advised that he took care of it.

Mr. Brown, it is of high importance that you notify a supervisor of any type of incident that you may become aware of. This type of negligence will not be tolerated at anytime.

Any future violations of this type, or any policy, may result in additional disciplinary action.

Your signature does not necessarily indicate that you are in agreement with the above statements; however, it does indicate that you were informed of the contents of this counseling letter.

You are asked to sign this document as acknowledgement of receipt and understanding of its content.

With Warmest Regards,



Lt. P.N. Lafferman



Deputy Christopher Brown



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December 5, 2014

Christopher Brown

Re: **Counseling Session**

This is a warning being issued to you on 12/2/14 you violated procedure you handed out store call to the wrong inmate. You failed to verify that the inmate you gave the store call to was the correct inmate by verifying his information by his wrist band. The inmate that the store call belong to I/M Sylvester Dunn B/M housed A/F/1 had gone bag and baggage on 12/1/14 at approx. 1646 hrs. on A shift. If you had checked the inmates wrist band then this mistake would have never occurred.

Mr. Brown, it is of high importance that you verify that the inmate you are handing out store call to or any other type of property is indeed that inmate. This type negligence could result in you having to financially compensate the inmate for their loss. This type of negligence will not be tolerated at anytime.

Any future violations of this type, or any policy, may result in additional disciplinary action.

Your signature does not necessarily indicate that you are in agreement with the above statements; however, it does indicate that you were informed of the contents of this counseling letter.

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With Warmest Regards,


Lt. P.N. Laffer


Deputy Christopher Brown