



# RICHMOND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**Sheriff Richard Roundtree**

Law Enforcement Center

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## STANDARD COMPLAINT FORM

Your complaint will be forwarded to the employee's supervisor for inquiry or to the Internal Affairs Office. If your concern stems from an arrest or citation issued, it may not be investigated until the legal matter has been resolved. Questions concerning the complaint process may be directed to the Internal Affairs Office at (706) 821-1004.

Complaint Control # 21-08-30

Complainant's Name: Blume, Billy Race & Sex: WM Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: 221 Quail Drive Phone: 706-220-4146

City: Augusta State: GA Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Race & Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time Incident Occurred: August 26, 2021 Location: 400 Walton Way

How Complaint was received: In Person  Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy/Employee Involved: Lt. Lucas Grant Deputy/Employee Involved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Give a brief narrative of events that lead to the complaint. You may add additional sheets if necessary.

### Unprofessional Conduct

The complainant, Blume, reported that he was outside of the S.O. building waiting for it to open when an unknown deputy stopped his vehicle (Black SUV) on 4th Street and asked him what business he had there. The deputy further told him that the area was private property and told him to leave. Blume stated that at the same time, a marked S.O. vehicle pulled up behind the black SUV and the unidentified deputy said something to that deputy. The deputy in the marked car (Identified as Michael Rowe) got out and approached him and spoke with him for a few minutes. The unidentified deputy drove off. Blume stated that Rowe was professional and told him that he was not breaking the law and told him he was free to go. Blume asked Rowe who the other deputy was and Rowe advised that he did not know. Blume told Rowe that he was going to report the incident to internal affairs.

Blume recorded the incident on video. The video of the encounter was subsequently published on Blume's YouTube Channel.

Supervisor/Investigative Comments.

Sgt. McCarty was able to identify the deputy from Blume's video as Lt. Lucas Grant. Sgt. McCarty spoke to Lt. Grant who advised that he observed Blume outside of the S.O. Building. He stated that he observed Blume approach the emergency exit door (located in an alcove between the main lobby entrance and the Civil Office). Lt. Grant stated that he was concerned Blume was trying to make entry through this door. Lt. Grant stated that he did ask Blume what his business was and did admit that he told the subject that the area was (Continued)

Disposition of Complaint: Not sustained

Complaint Received by: Sgt. William McCarty Unit# B-15 Date: 08/26/2021



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private property. Lt. Grant stated that around that time, Deputy Rowe pulled up and he instructed him to find out what Blume was doing. He stated that he then left to tend to an event he was coordinating.

Sgt. McCarty reviewed Blume's video and also reviewed Deputy Rowe's body cam video of the incident. The video does show Blume approaching the alcove at which time he is confronted by Lt. Grant. Lt. Grant was within his authority to inquire on Blume approaching the door. I advised Lt. Grant that he was in error when he stated that the area was private property and he agreed. Lt. Grant should also identify himself by name when asked by an individual. While he was told to leave, Blume was not forced off the property nor was he physically detained.

This complaint is cleared with a disposition of not sustained.