

Dwayne Bedminster – Internal Affairs File

Part 3



DeKalb County Police Department Disciplinary Action Recommendation Form

Date Prepared: **05/20/2020**

Date of Incident (Range): **05/11/2020** - **05/11/2020**

Proposed Adverse Action: **WRITTEN COUNSELING**

Internal Affairs No: (if applicable)

Employee Name: **Dwayne** **E** **Bedminster** **3550**

Division: **Uniform** Precinct: **East** Watch: **Morning** **Number of Violations 1**

Rules/ Regulations Violation			
Violation	Count	Previous Offenses	Code Section
Violation1 Body Worn Camera 2-2.74	1	-	2-2.74

Brief Synopsis of Incident
On May 11, 2020 Officer Bedminster was involved in a vehicle accident while on duty. He failed to initially activate his Body Worn Camera which is a direct violation of the Body Worn Camera policy 4-14.61 (3). Therefore, his initial interaction with the other driver involved in the vehicle accident was not captured by his Body Worn Camera. When questioned by the arriving supervisor (Sgt Bass), if his Body Worn Camera was on, he replied "No". Sgt Bass had to instruct him to turn his camera on. I recommend Officer Bedminster receive a Written Counseling, as this is his first violation of this policy.

(All documentations should be included with this form)
Note: Each employee's supervisor, up to and including the Chief of Police, should sign the action recommendation form. The employee should then sign the action recommendation form and be given a copy of the completed action recommendation form.

Initiating Supervisor's Recommendation			
Violation	Recommended Action(s)	Hours	Approved Hours
Violation1 Body Worn Camera 2-2.74	WRITTEN COUNSELING	0	0
Approved Action(s); This Total is for Suspension Hours only!			Total 0

Initiating Supervisor's Signature: Lieutenant S.L. Harris #2038 Digitally signed by Lieutenant S.L. Harris #2038 Date: 2020.05.20 03:24:50 -04'00' **Date:** 05/20/2020

Review and Approved by:	Date	Violation Number	Recommendation	Violation Hours	Approved Action(s)	Comments
Next Level Supervisor: CPT J.C. Popp #1839 <small>Digitally signed by CPT J.C. Popp #1839 Date: 2020.06.03 09:27:44 -04'00'</small>	06/03/2020	1	Concur	-	Written Counseling	
Next Level Supervisor: Major K.D. Banks <small>Digitally signed by Major K.D. Banks Date: 2020.06.03 16:01:09 -04'00'</small>	06/03/2020	1	Concur	-	Written Counseling	
Next Level Supervisor:		1	.	-	.	
Next Level Supervisor:		1	.	-	.	
Assistant Chief: A.C.G. A. Padrick #1896 <small>Digitally signed by A.C.G. A. Padrick #1896 Date: 2020.06.11 14:04:00 -04'00'</small>	06/11/2020	1	Concur	-	Written Counseling	
Chief: Chief Mirtha V. Ramos <small>Digitally signed by Chief Mirtha V. Ramos Date: 2020.06.18 15:29:02 -04'00'</small>	06/18/2020	1	Concur	-	Written Counseling	

Receipt Acknowledged: Date: **7/9/2020** Employee's Signature:

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To: Captain J.C. Popp #1839
From: Lieutenant S.L. Harris #2038
Subject: Officer Bedminster #3550 DAR
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020

Summary:

Officer Bedminster was involved in a vehicle Accident while on duty, on 5/11/2020. As he exited his police unit to speak with the other driver involved, he failed to activate his Body Worn Camera as per Body Worn Camera policy 4-14.60. Therefore his initial interaction with the other driver was not captured. When Sgt Bass arrived on scene at the vehicle accident, he inquired if Officer Bedminster was injured. He then asked if Officer Bedminster had his camera recording. Officer Bedminster replied "No". This interaction was recorded on Sgt Bass' Body Worn Camera, 5/11/2020 @ 0139 hrs at the 22 second mark in the video.

I find that officer Bedminster is in violation of the DeKalb County Police Department's Body Worn Camera policy 4-14.60. It is stated in policy that the Body Worn Camera will be activated to record dispatched and self-initiated calls and all contacts with citizens in the performance of official duties.

I recommend Officer Bedminster receive a Written Counseling as this is his first violation of the Department's Body Worn Camera policy.

Signature

Lieutenant S.L.
Harris #2038

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Harris #2038
Date: 2020.05.22 23:16:06 -0400'



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To: Lt SL Harris #2038

From: Sgt BL Bass #2060

Subject: 20-036454- Officer DE Bedminster #3550 Vehicle Accident

Date: Friday, May 22, 2020

Summary:

On May 11, 2020 I was notified by Officer DE Bedminster #3550 that he was involved in a vehicle accident located at Woodrow Drive and Mall Pkwy. Upon my arrival I asked Officer Bedminster if he was recording with his body worn camera. His replied that he was not recording. I then instructed him to start recording.

Signature

SGT BL BASS
#2060

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#2060
Date: 2020.05.22 01:20:00 -0400'



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To: Lt Harris #2038
From: Dwayne Bedminster 3550
Subject: 20-036464
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020

Summary:

During my contact with the driver I did not yell or belittle her in anyway. I only came up to the driver and asked her if she was alright. I then asked the driver "where did you think you were going. Didn't you see that the lane was ending". She then got mad and rolled up her window, and then got out her car to look at the damage to her vehicle. She then got back into her vehicle. I did not make her get out the vehicle at anytime. My body worn camera was not activated during our contact. I forgot to activate my camera because I was more concern of the well being of the other driver.

Signature

Dwayne Bedminster

Digitally signed by Dwayne
Bedminster
Date: 2020.05.22 00:00:19 -04'00'

Harris, Shaun L.

From: Popp, Joseph C.
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Harris, Shaun L.
Subject: FW: Accident Case Number 20-036464

Address and advise

From: Padrick, Gregory A
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Banks, Kenric <kdbanks@dekalbcountyga.gov>; Popp, Joseph C. <JCPopp@dekalbcountyga.gov>
Cc: Lavigne, Mark F. <mflavign@dekalbcountyga.gov>
Subject: FW: Accident Case Number 20-036464

Major Banks and Captain Popp,

Please assign this complaint to a Lieutenant for further investigation. Make sure the complainant is contacted as soon as possible to let them know that this is being investigated.

Thank you,

Assistant Chief G. A. Padrick #1896
DeKalb County Police Department
Uniform Division Commander
1960 West Exchange Place | Tucker, GA 30084
Desk: 770-724-7843
Email: gapadrick@dekalbcountyga.gov



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From: Smith, Randy S
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Padrick, Gregory A <gapadric@dekalbcountyga.gov>
Cc: Ramos, Mirtha V. <mvramos@dekalbcountyga.gov>
Subject: FW: Accident Case Number 20-036464

Good Afternoon Sir,

We received this complaint from a citizen today. Can you look into this and advise on your findings please.

v/r

From: Razhonge Landers <[REDACTED]@mercyatlanta.org>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Smith, Randy S <rsmith@dekalbcountyga.gov>
Subject: Accident Case Number 20-036464

Good Morning Chief Ramos,

I apologize for having to reach out to you for help, as I know you are busy. I've tried to resolve my concern regarding an accident with my daughter, Jada Landers, and a police officer, Bedminister, without success. The accident occurred 5/11/2020 at 0128 near the intersection of Woodrow road and Mall Parkway, Stonecrest Ga. I received a call from Jada around 0220 asking me to come to the scene because her car was going to be towed. I arrived there at approximately 0225 and the police car was actually being towed. Jada was cited for improper lane change and both cars were damaged. Jada is one of the most honest persons I know. She is brutally honest about everything. Jada advised me that the officer got out of his car, yelled at her, belittled her, made her exit the car (not knowing if she was injured or not) and moved his car prior to the investigators arrival. She also advised me that the officer was driving slowly and when the third lane opened she merged into that one to go around the officer. Once on side of the officer, he turned into her car and pushed her car onto the curve, which is where it was when I arrived. The officer who took the report was very professional and took extra time to explain to Jada's father and myself the details, I can't recall his name presently. He advised me of what he obtained from both parties and why she was ticketed. I obtained the police report yesterday and it noted that a body cam was used to make the determination. I emailed the Sgt on the police report, McBride and he returned my call last night. Sgt. McBride was very courteous and professional. He advised me that the body cam was not initiated until after the incident but Jada was recorded on the cam admitting she misjudged the lane. Jada denies saying that. Jada is 19 years of age, hasn't been to work all week because of this incident. She is depressed about her car, about another ticket, about the police "not telling the truth" and experiencing some soreness. I reached out to the corner stores and obtained video footage of the accident. The video clearly shows what Jadas' report is correct. The officer turned into her lane. We have high expectations of the law but I do understand why he wouldn't want to own that. The accident report shows the two cars together collided but his car wasn't in that place when the investigators arrived. Uncertain how they made the picture. My request is that someone please look into this case and assist my daughter in getting over this. We honor law enforcement for the hard work and dedication and have no desire to downplay that. However, if the officer was indeed at fault, we would like for him to take ownership. I'm hopeful that you can help us and that this matter could be resolved as smoothly as possible. I can be reached at [REDACTED]. Again, I apologize for reaching out to you, as I'm at my wits end. Thank you for your time.

Raz Landers, RN, BSN
Mercy Care @ City of Refuge
Office: 678-843-8520
Fax: 404-753-6955

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DEKALB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT FORM



CASE NUMBER: 20-036464

STATEMENT OF: Jada Sanders SOC. SEC. # [REDACTED]
 DOB: [REDACTED] 100 SEX: F HEIGHT: 5'3" WEIGHT: 125 RACE: B
 ADDRESS: 6809 Arabian Terrace APT: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: Atlanta Ga 30037
 ALTERNATE ADDRESS: same EMPLOYER: _____
 PHONE #S: HOME: _____ WORK: _____ CELL: [REDACTED]
 STATEMENT TAKEN BY: LT HARRIS #2032 DATE: 6/21/20
 TIME: BEGAN: _____ ENDED: _____ LOCATION: 6809 Arabian Terrace

After the incident, the officer got out of the car and was asking me something about a lane as if I didn't know what I was doing. Half of the things he asked me, but I couldn't understand. I was calmly telling him that I live around here (implying that I know the area) and I also brought up the body cam. He told me to then turn off my car. I did that. He then asked me over and over with a slight high pitch toned where was I going. He went to his car and backed it up like a foot 1/2 away before I guess officer Deymour (or whoever looked at the debris) came to the scene. Had he left everything, and me myself how we ended up, my dad wouldn't be able to open. I just remained calm and did as the officer told me to. I am not the best driver, but I have been driving great lately and by him yelling at me I was very scared and sad. The investigator came and did wonderful and I answered his questions, got out of the car to map out how it happened. I finally got a ticket and then my parents got called and they followed me home.

Signed: Jada Sanders Page 1 Witnessed: LT Harris #2032

Jada Sanders

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movement and walk to the rear of the church. They will then come back in and sit with the other DeKalb County Police Honor Guard Officers.

D. After Church Services

1. The DeKalb County Police Department Honor Guard – Pallbearers will position at the casket.
2. All Honor Guard Officers (all agencies) will exit the church and form two columns out of the church to the hearse so that casket, family and dignitaries will have officers on both sides of them.
3. All uniform officers (all agencies) will exit the church and continue forming two columns out of the church to the hearse so that the casket, family and dignitaries will have officers on both sides.
4. When the casket, family and dignitaries arrive at the church doors all officers (all agencies) will be called to ATTENTION.
5. When the casket, family and dignitaries began coming out of the church, all officers (all agencies) will be called to PRESENT ARMS.
6. When the casket is placed into the hearse all officers (all agencies) will be called to ORDER ARMS.
7. All officers (all agencies) will be dismissed and go to their police units and engage emergency equipment.
8. The DeKalb Motor Unit (TAC) will escort the hearse to the grave site.
9. Honor Guards from all agencies will be first in the escort.

E. Arrival at the Grave Site/and Services at Grave Site

1. All Honor Guard Officers (all agencies) will form two columns from the hearse to the grave site so that the casket, family and dignitaries will have officers on both sides.
2. All uniform officers (all agencies) will continue to form two columns from the hearse to the grave site so that the casket, family and dignitaries will have officers on both sides.
3. When the casket is about to be removed from the hearse by DeKalb County Police Honor Guard – Pallbearers, all officers (all agencies) will be called to ATTENTION.
4. When the casket is removed from the hearse by the DeKalb County Police Honor Guard – Pallbearers, all officers (all agencies) will be called to PRESENT ARMS. The casket will then be walked to the grave site by the DeKalb County Police Honor Guard with family and dignitaries following.
5. When the casket is placed over the grave site, all officers (all agencies) will be called to ORDER ARMS.
6. All officers will fall in around the grave site.
7. The grave site services will then begin.
8. Clergy will then conduct the service.

F. After Grave Site Services

1. Bag Pipes – “Amazing Grace” will be played.
2. All officers (all agencies) will be called to ATTENTION.
3. Taps will then start.
4. Officers (all agencies) will be called to PRESENT ARMS.
5. The DeKalb County Police Honor Guard will then fold the flag (most times Taps is done before the folding of the flag is completed).
6. The flag is then presented to the Honor Guard Supervisor by an officer from the DeKalb County Police Department Honor Guard.
7. The DeKalb County Police Department Honor Guard then salutes the flag.
8. The Honor Guard Supervisor then presents the flag to the Chief of Police.
9. The Honor Guard Supervisor then salutes the flag.
10. The Chief of Police then presents the flag to the family.
11. All officers (all agencies) will be called to ORDER ARMS.
12. The rifle team will then conduct a 21-gun salute.
13. A fly over will be conducted by Aerial Support and other police helicopters.
14. All officers will then turn on their county issued radios. A 10-42 (Ending Tour of Duty) will then be broadcast over the DeKalb County Radio system.

4-14.60 BODY-WORN CAMERAS (CALEA 41.3.8)

PURPOSE (CALEA 41.3.8a)

This policy is intended to provide employees with instructions on when and how to use the body-worn camera (BWC) so that they may reliably record their contact with the public in accordance with the law.

The use of body-worn cameras to document certain incidents of employee contact with the public can assist in protecting

the employee, the department, and the public from unsubstantiated complaints and charges of inappropriate conduct. Recorders can also be utilized as an important tool in the investigative process and assist in the substantiation of certain types of evidence. The scope of this policy will also pertain to the use of any vehicle recording devices commonly referred to as dash cameras or dash cams.

PHILOSOPHY

The organizational philosophy regarding the use of the BWC is that it will allow for accurate documentation of police-public contacts, arrests, and critical incidents. It will enhance the accuracy of reports and testimony in court, the ability to review probable cause for arrests, employee and suspect interactions, evidence for investigative and prosecutorial purposes, and to provide additional information for employee evaluation and training. The BWC may also be useful in documenting crime and accident scenes or other events that include the confiscation and documentation of evidence or contraband.

4-14.61 USING BODY-WORN CAMERAS (CALEA 41.3.8b)

1. The BWC will be used only in conjunction with the employee's official duties.
2. The BWC will be powered on prior to the operation of the marked patrol vehicle.
3. The BWC will automatically turn on when the emergency lights of the vehicle are activated and the door to the vehicle is opened. If the BWC does not automatically start recording based on a pre-determined trigger(s), the employee will manually activate the BWC to record all dispatched and self-initiated calls, as well as all contacts with citizens in the performance of official duties. This is to include while working part-time jobs.
4. The BWC will remain activated until the event is completed and the employee is no longer engaged in the event in order to ensure the integrity of the recording, unless the contact moves into an area restricted by this policy. Intentional muting is prohibited.
5. If an employee fails to activate the BWC, fails to record the entire contact, or interrupts the recording, the employee will document why a recording was not made, was interrupted, or was terminated via a memorandum to the immediate supervisor prior to the end of the shift.
6. Once the event has ended, the employee will manually deactivate the BWC.
7. Employees will use only the BWC issued or approved by the department.
8. The use of any personal video recording equipment is prohibited while acting in the capacity of a DeKalb Police Department Employee, except as approved in writing by the Division Assistant Chief.
9. Employees assigned a BWC shall use the equipment unless otherwise instructed by supervisory personnel.
10. Officers holding the rank of Lieutenant and below will be required to wear the BWC while on duty in uniform.
11. Officers of all ranks will be required to wear the BWC while working any part-time job in uniform.
12. Officers who do not normally wear a uniform will wear the BWC when involved in activities that are likely to cause enforcement actions.
13. Spare cameras are available in the case of malfunction and can be obtained through the Advanced Technology Unit (ATU). In the event a spare camera is deemed necessary, the Watch Commander will request it via a help desk ticket and by sending the employee directly to ATU repair/replacement. Should this request be needed after hours, the on-call ATU personnel will be contacted.
14. The BWC equipment and all data, images, video, and metadata captured, recorded, or otherwise produced by the equipment is the sole property of the department.
15. This policy does not govern the use of recording devices used in undercover operations.
16. Employees will only wear the BWC in holders specifically approved by the manufacture/ATU.
17. The Training Academy and the Criminal Investigations Units (CID and Uniform CID) will be issued a lanyard style holder that is only to be utilized in accordance with the Divisions' standard operating procedures.
18. No unit/division is authorized to supplement the use of the issued vest carrier or otherwise approved holder by ATU with the lanyard style holder when in a uniform capacity.

4-14.62 RESTRICTIONS ON USING BODY-WORN CAMERAS (CALEA 41.3.8b)

The BWC will be used only in conjunction with official law enforcement duties. The BWC will not generally be used to record:

1. Communications with other personnel without permission of the other person or the Chief of Police.
2. Encounters with undercover officers or confidential informants.
3. Recording when on break or otherwise engaged in personal activities.
4. The use of the BWC in any location where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as a restroom or locker room.

5. Intentional muting.
6. In officer-involved shootings, the ATU will restrict all access except to those authorized by the Chief of Police.
7. Dissemination or viewing outside the Department is strictly prohibited without the specific authorization of the Chief of Police.
8. Personnel are not authorized to playback BWC recorded media for citizen viewing.
9. The Department reserves the right to limit or restrict personnel from viewing video files.
10. Recorded data may not be used in any situation that is likely to bring disrespect or embarrassment to the DeKalb County Police Department or to any employee of the Police Department.
11. Personnel will not edit, alter, erase, duplicate, copy, share or otherwise distribute in any manner of BWC recordings without prior written authorization and approval of the Chief of Police.

4-14.63 CRIMINAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE USE (CALEA Standard 41.3.8c)

Recordings from the BWC are subject to containing evidentiary content for criminal and administrative proceedings.

1. BWC data can be used as evidence for criminal and/or administrative investigations.
2. BWC recordings are to supplement written reports.
3. Personnel shall appropriately classify all media captured on the BWC reasonably following the incident. Inclusion of case numbers or citation numbers are preferred notes whenever possible. More than 25 unclassified videos within 30 days will constitute violation of this policy.
4. All incident and accident reports shall end with a notation documenting "BWC activated."
5. Internal Affairs (IA) or the supervisor investigating a specific act of employee conduct may use BWC recording as an investigative tool.

4-14.64 RETENTION OF RECORDED DATA (CALEA 41.3.8d)

Video recordings from DeKalb County Police Department body-worn devices or devices located on or inside of DeKalb County vehicles, shall be retained and stored by the vendor for 180 days from the date of such recording except:

1. If such recording is part of a criminal investigation, shows a vehicular accident, shows the detainment or arrest of an individual, or shows a law enforcement officer's use of force, it shall be retained for a period of time as specified by current state statutory limits or beyond, and:
2. If such recording contains evidence that is or can reasonably be anticipated to be necessary for pending litigation, it shall be retained for a period of time as specified by current state statutory limits or beyond, and if litigation is commenced during such period it shall be retained until a final adjudication of such litigation.

4-14.65 PURGING OF RECORDED DATA (CALEA 41.3.8d)

Recorded data not identified as a criminal or non-criminal matter will be purged from the recording device (after upload is complete) as data recording space deems necessary to keep the recording device operational by the employee. Recorded data will not be released outside the control of the DeKalb County Police Department.

4-14.66 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION (CALEA 41.3.8e)

1. BWC equipment is the responsibility of individual employees and will be used with reasonable care to ensure proper functioning.
2. Employees will inspect and test the BWC prior to each shift in order to verify proper functioning and will notify their supervisor of any problems.
3. Equipment malfunctions will be brought to the attention of the employee's supervisor as soon as possible so that a replacement unit may be procured.
4. Supervisory personnel will ensure that employees equipped with the BWC devices utilize them in accordance with policy and procedures defined herein.
5. Supervisors will ensure that BWCs are operational, well maintained.
6. BWCs may require periodic charging while on-duty or working part-time jobs. Personnel may charge BWCs with portable power banks issued by the ATU instead of using an outlet.

4-14.67 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS (CALEA 41.3.8f)

1. Employees who are assigned a BWC must complete an agency approved training program to ensure proper use and operation.
2. The ATU will train employees on how to use the BWC system and equipment before issuance.
3. Additional training may be required at periodic intervals to ensure the continued effective use and operation of the

equipment, proper calibration and performance, and to incorporate changes, updates, or other revisions in policy and equipment.

4-14.68 REQUIRED REVIEWS OF CAMERA CAPTURED DATA (CALEA 41.3.8g)

1. Supervisors shall review BWC videos as part of a precinct-level administrative investigation, e.g., line-level complaint, non-shooting use of force, injury to personnel, etc.
2. Watch Commanders shall review two random recordings per week to ensure that the equipment is operating properly and subordinates are adhering to the policy. Misconduct or areas of deficiency may require additional training, guidance, or corrective actions.
3. Watch Commanders will note the inspections on their weekly reports.

4-14.69 WHEN RECORDED DATA MAY BE VIEWED AND BY WHOM

1. ATU as directed/requested by IA, or for the purpose of locating training videos for the betterment of the Department (said video to be forwarded to training for use).
2. Upon approval by a supervisor, any member of the department who is participating in an official investigation, such as a personnel complaint, administrative investigation or criminal investigation.
3. By the person who originally recorded the incident.
4. Pursuant to lawful process or by court personnel who are otherwise authorized to review evidence in a related case.
5. By the media with permission of the Chief of Police.
6. In compliance with a proper public record's request pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Act.
7. Citizens will not be allowed to review recordings at the scene; they must make a formal request through the Open Records Unit of the department.
8. If an employee is suspected of wrongdoing or involved in an officer-involved shooting or other serious use of force, the department reserves the right to limit or restrict an officer from viewing the video file.

4-14.70 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Any recorded data of employee related activities, on or off duty, produced by equipment that is owned by an employee becomes subject to being seized as the property of the DeKalb County Police Department at the discretion of a supervisor.
2. Recorded data may not be used in any situation that is likely to bring disrespect or embarrassment to the DeKalb County Police Department or to any employee of the Police Department.
3. All employees are reminded to be aware of the DeKalb County Policy on using audio/video recording devices as it relates to unauthorized recordings of county employees.
4. Employees will provide a written explanation regarding any deviation from this policy to their immediate supervisor by the end of their shift.

4-14.71 MISCONDUCT

Personnel who misuse or fail to use the BWC when required will be subject to disciplinary action or other sanctions. Refer to Section 2-2.74 for a schedule of penalties.

4-14.72 T5 THERMAL IMAGING SYSTEM – PURPOSE

The T5 Thermal Imaging System is a law enforcement tool to be used primarily for searching for missing persons and for locating fleeing or concealed suspects. The T5 can detect a heat source at approximately 1200 feet and the user can identify that source as a person at between 600 and 900 feet. The T5 has a closed circuit digital camera along with a thermal camera. Still photographs and video with audio can be taken using this device and can be viewed on the unit or on a separate monitor by using the cables provided. The thermal imager can also be utilized to search for recently discarded evidence or lost articles.

4-14.73 POLICY

The T5 Thermal Imaging System may be available to sworn officers of the DeKalb County Police Department to utilize while conducting police functions. Supervisors are encouraged to carry the imagers in their assigned vehicle during their shift. The imagers will be utilized in accordance with the procedures set forth in this section. Thermal imagers are intended for official department use only and are not to be used for frivolous or personal activities.

4-14.74 PROCEDURE

- A. The following items of equipment are to be issued to each precinct:

1. One (1) T5 Thermal Imaging System
 2. One (1) 12v D/C charger
 3. One (1) 120vac smart charger
 4. One (1) USB connector
- B. Use and care of imagers:**
1. The thermal imagers will be used in a manner as to properly capture audio/video for potential evidentiary use and to reduce the possibility of damaging the unit.
 2. A supervisor shall sign the imager log when checking out and returning the thermal imager. The imager will be inspected for damage at the time it is checked out. Any damage or malfunctions shall be documented and reported immediately to a supervisor.
 3. When returning the imager, the officer will check the battery meter. If the meter indicates the battery is low, the imager will be placed on the provided charger. No other charging device should be connected to the imager.
 4. When using the thermal imagers for locating missing persons, suspected criminals or items of evidentiary value the record mode will be utilized.
 5. When searching for missing persons or suspects, users will operate in a team of at least two officers, with the second officer providing cover for the operator of the thermal imager.
 6. Each thermal imager has a time and date stamp and this feature shall be enabled when in record mode.
 7. Officers shall use the included shoulder strap to reduce the risk of damage to the thermal imager.
 8. When not in immediate use, officers shall secure the thermal imager in the provided case.
 9. The imagers will not be used while operating a vehicle, during periods of heavy rain, or to conduct surveillance without a search warrant.

4-14.75 AUTHORIZATION FOR USE

- A. Equipment:**
1. Thermal Imagers are available at each precinct for supervisors to check out to utilize during their shifts. Supervisors may delegate a subordinate to operate the thermal imagers.
 2. Employees shall not use any other charger or USB connector other than the one issued with each thermal imager.
- B. Activation of the thermal imager:**
1. Officers are encouraged to activate and utilize the thermal imager at any time the officer reasonably believes the imager will assist them in locating a missing person, locating a suspect, locating items of evidentiary value, or recording an incident that may be of future benefit to the department. When arriving at a scene where the thermal imagers are to be used, officers should determine which mode to utilize. If the CCD camera is to be used, officers should remove the lens cap and begin recording. Depending on the light conditions, the user could utilize the LED lights affixed to the thermal imager. If the thermal camera is to be used, the lens cap can remain affixed to the CCD lens. When utilizing the thermal camera, officers should keep in mind that the LCD monitor can cause backlighting. The monitor has a menu-operated dimming feature which greatly reduces backlighting produced by the unit and should be adjusted when the backlighting could cause risk to the operator.
 - a. At no time should an officer jeopardize his safety in order to activate the thermal imager.
 - b. Officers are prohibited from utilizing the thermal imaging recorded data for personal use (i.e. social media, video sharing).
 - c. Officers will comply with the DeKalb County Administrative Procedure for Unauthorized Recording/Video of County Communications.
 - d. No member of the department may surreptitiously record a conversation or actions of any other member of the department, except with a court order or when authorized by the Chief of Police or his authorized designee for the purpose of conducting a criminal investigation or as an administrative tool.

4-14.76 RETENTION OF RECORDED DATA

- A. Criminal:**
1. Anytime an officer records any portion of an incident which he reasonably believes constitutes evidence related to a criminal or traffic case, the officer will download the data to a compact disc and place the disc into Property and Evidence. The thermal imagers have a recording time limit of one hour per video. After an hour has elapsed, the file is saved and a new recording starts automatically without any additional commands from the user. Officers will confirm that all data from the incident they recorded is downloaded to the disc prior to placing the disc into Property and Evidence.
 2. The officer will note in any related incident report that the recording has been placed into evidence.

3. Recorded data placed into evidence shall be retained through the final disposition of the related case and in accordance with departmental policy.
- B. Non-Criminal:
1. Anytime an officer records any portion of an incident which he reasonably believes may be useful to the department for complaints and/or training purposes, the officer will download the data to a compact disc. The disc will be forwarded to the appropriate authority, Internal Affairs and /or Training.
 2. Under such circumstances, the officer will notify a supervisor of the existence of the recording as soon as reasonably possible.
 3. Recorded data that has been placed into safekeeping will be retained for a period of two years.

4-14.77 PURGING OF RECORDED DATA

Recorded data not identified as a criminal or non-criminal matter will be purged from the thermal imager as data recording space deems necessary to keep the thermal imager operational. The thermal imager has an icon in the shape of a memory card on the top right corner of the monitor which will change color to inform the user when the memory is almost full. The data cannot be erased directly from the thermal imager and must be connected to a computer with the provided USB connector to be erased. External hard drives may be used for the purpose of storing the recorded data. Division/Unit commanders will identify the standard operating procedures for the retention and purging of data on external hard drives as deemed appropriate. Recorded data will not be released outside the control of the DeKalb County Police Department, except as noted below.

4-14.78 RECORDED DATA MAY BE VIEWED IN THE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS

- A) By a supervisor investigating a specific act of officer conduct;
- B) Upon approval by a supervisor, any member of the department who is participating in an official investigation, such as a personnel complaint, administrative investigation or criminal investigation;
- C) By the person who originally recorded the incident;
- D) Pursuant to lawful process or by court personnel who are otherwise authorized to review evidence in a related case;
- E) By the media with permission of the Chief of Police or his authorized designee;
- F) In compliance with a proper public records request pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Act;
- G) Dissemination or viewing outside of the department is strictly prohibited without the specific authorization of the Chief of Police or his authorized designee.

4-14.79 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- A) The thermal imagers are equipped with LED lights and an audible siren. The LED lights have a strobe function that can be used to temporarily disorient an attacker. Some persons have been known to have seizures or feelings of nausea after being exposed to flashing lights. If a subject who is directly or indirectly exposed to the strobe light requests medical attention or is physically incapacitated after the exposure, then Fire/Rescue shall be requested as soon as it is safe for the officer to do so.
- B) The unit's thermal core will not allow the operator to see through glass or walls. Care must be made when searching, as reflective images can appear as a person.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

4-15 ORGANIZATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

Policy: The Criminal Investigation Division will be responsible for identifying and apprehending offenders, recovering property, gathering, documenting, and evaluating facts regarding criminal activity, and assisting in the prosecution of those charged with criminal offenses.

Purpose: The purpose of the Criminal Investigation Division will be to thoroughly and professionally investigate all criminal activity assigned for investigation.

Scope: Criminal activity that will be investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division will include all cases of negligent and non-negligent homicide, rape, robbery, assault, kidnapping, burglary, criminal trespass, larceny, auto theft, molestation, indecent exposure, missing persons, stolen vehicle recovery, abandoned vehicles, forgery, financial credit card theft and fraud, harassing and obscene phone calls, youth offenses, all cases of narcotics violations, and other criminal activities that may be assigned to the division by the Chief of Police for further investigations.

The Criminal Investigation Division will be organizationally located within the Police Department. The Division Commander will report to the Chief of Police.

4-15.1 Personnel Assignments and Responsibilities

A) DIVISION COMMANDER

The Division Commander will be responsible for the overall operation of the Criminal Investigation Division and will have the final divisional authority in matters of operation, policy, and discipline. He will exercise such lawful directives as are necessary to assure the effective performance of the Division. The Division Commander will have the authority to assign or transfer divisional personnel, as he deems necessary and beneficial to the Division.

The Division Commander assumes primary responsibility for investigation and enforcement of violations of criminal and narcotics statutes. He is responsible for development and implementation of general and special police programs within the Criminal Investigation Division. He is responsible for developing Division goals, which facilitate the achievement of Departmental goals. He will be responsible for the development, preparation and execution of the Division budget, including the management of confidential funds. He will insure that Division personnel comply with established policies, procedures, and rules of the Division and Department.

The Division Commander will be responsible for reporting monthly to the Chief of Police on the activities of the Division during the previous month, to include the type and number of arrests, seizures, major case status and fiscal accounting of Departmental funds.

B) SECTION COMMANDERS

Section Commanders are responsible for the assignment, direction and control of personnel under their command to assure the proper performance of duties and adherence to established rules, regulations, policies, and procedures, and the continuation of supervision in their absence.

Section Commanders are responsible to continuously seek and develop innovations and new methods relative to their operation. Section Commanders may transfer personnel, both supervisory and non-supervisory, from one investigative unit to another within their section. Section Commanders will have the responsibility to assign Unit Commanders and Assistant Unit Commanders to watch assignments, off days, and weekend duty to insure that adequate supervision is on duty at all times within their respective sections.

C) UNIT AND ASSISTANT UNIT COMMANDERS

Unit and Assistant Unit Commanders are responsible for individual assignments, direction and control of personnel under their command to insure the proper performance of duties and adherence to established rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. Unit and Assistant Unit Commanders will be responsible for the assignment of cases, direct supervision over major case investigations, communication between the various investigative units, watch assignments, off-day assignments, on-call and weekend duty assignments.

D) DATA ENTRY SUPERVISOR

The Data Entry Supervisor will be responsible for the Pawn Desk and off-day assignments of personnel assigned to the Pawn Desk.

EMPLOYEE MISCONDUCT

2-2.69 UNWANTED CONDUCT

In order to maintain a quality-working environment for all employees and potential employees of this department, any action in the form of intimidation, humiliation, insult or subjecting someone to offensive physical or verbal abuse or actions of a sexual, ethnic, racial, or religious nature is prohibited.

1st offense	Written Counseling
2nd offense	1 day suspension
3rd offense	1 work week suspension
4th offense	Demotion to Dismissal

2-2.70 MISCONDUCT KNOWN TO DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL

Failure to report a fellow department member or employee's violation of a law, rule or regulation, policy or procedure, general or special order is prohibited. To this end, all such violations shall be reported in writing to a superior/supervisor in the department.

1st offense	Written Counseling
2nd offense	1 day suspension
3rd offense	1 work week suspension
4th offense	Demotion to Dismissal

2-2.71 CONDUCT UNBECOMING ON/OFF DUTY CONDUCT

Engaging in conduct on or off duty which adversely affects the morale or efficiency of the department, or in the alternative, engaging in conduct on or off duty which has a tendency to destroy public respect for the employee and/or the department and/or destroy confidence in the operation of the county service is conduct unbecoming and is prohibited.

1st offense	Written Counseling
2nd offense	1 day suspension
3rd offense	1 work week suspension
4th offense	Demotion to Dismissal

2-2.72 THIS SECTION REMOVED

2-2.73 COOPERATION WITH INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

Employees will fully cooperate with any internal / administrative investigation or inquiry. They will answer questions, respond to lawful orders, provide relevant material and statements and not knowingly or willfully omit pertinent information.

1st offense	1 day suspension
2nd offense	1 work week suspension
3rd offense	Demotion to Dismissal

2-2.74 BODY WORN CAMERA

Misuse or failure to adhere to the body-worn camera policy is prohibited.

1st offense	Written Counseling
2nd offense	1 day suspension
3rd offense	1 work week suspension
4th offense	2 work weeks suspension
5th offense	Demotion to Dismissal

ROUTING OF COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATIONS FROM INCEPTION TO CONCLUSION

The purpose of specifying the routing for any complaint on a department employee or for any investigation of alleged misconduct is to insure that all appropriate members in the department who need to be made aware of this are, in fact, advised with the opportunity to review; that the matter is investigated completely, thoroughly, and fairly; and, if any corrective action is required, that it be carried out swiftly and immediately.

- A. When an allegation of misconduct is made at the line/division level and it is of the type that will be investigated at that level, and the result is some form of disciplinary action other than counseling, the investigating officer/supervisor, upon conclusion of the investigation and recommendation, shall forward the completed investigation through the chain-of-command up to the Chief of Police for approval.

Agency Case Number 20-036464		Agency NCIC No. 0440200		GEORGIA MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH REPORT				County DEKALB		Date Rec. by DOT 5/11/2020													
Estimated Crash Date 5/11/2020		Time 01:40		Dispatch Date 5/11/2020		Time 01:45		Arrival Date 5/11/2020		Time 01:52		Total Number of Vehicles 2		Injuries 0		Fatalities 0		Inside City Of Lithonia					
Road of Occurrence WOODROW DR				At Its Intersection With MALL PKWY				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suppl. To Original?				<input type="checkbox"/> Private Property?											
Not At Its Intersection But				Miles <input type="checkbox"/> North <input type="checkbox"/> East Feet <input type="checkbox"/> South <input type="checkbox"/> West				Of				<input type="checkbox"/> Hit And Run?											
Latitude (Y) 33.699608				Longitude (X) -84.117856																			
Unit # 1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Ped <input type="checkbox"/> Bike		LAST NAME BEDMINSTER		FIRST DWAYNE		MIDDLE		Unit # 2		<input type="checkbox"/> Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Ped <input type="checkbox"/> Bike		LAST NAME LANDERS		FIRST JADA SADA		MIDDLE L					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susp At Fault		Address 2484 BRUCE STREET								<input type="checkbox"/> Susp At Fault		Address 6809 ARABIAN TERRACE											
City LITHONIA (DEKALB)		State GA		Zip 30058		DOB [REDACTED] 1995				City LITHONIA (DEKALB)		State GA		Zip 30038		DOB [REDACTED] 2000							
Driver's License No		Class CLASS C		State GA		Country USA				Driver's License No		Class CLASS C		State GA		Country USA							
Insurance Co. AMERICAN SOUTHERN INSURANCE		Policy No. [REDACTED]		Telephone No. 7704820300						Insurance Co. STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE		Policy No. [REDACTED]		Telephone No. [REDACTED]									
Year 2014		Make CHEVROLET		Model CAPRICE						Year 2014		Make CHEVROLET		Model IMPALA									
VIN 6G1MK5U39DL28514		Vehicle Color Black								VIN 2G112553XE9200358		Vehicle Color White											
Tag # GV5958D		State GA		County DEKALB		Year 2020				Tag # RVD857D		State GA		County DEKALB		Year 2020							
Trailer Tag #		State		County		Year				Trailer Tag #		State		County		Year							
<input type="checkbox"/> Same as Driver		Owner's Last Name DEKALB COUNTY		First COMMISSIONERS		Middle				<input type="checkbox"/> Same as Driver		Owner's Last Name BOBITT		First JEFFREY		Middle							
Address 1300 COMMERCE DR										Address 871 HIGHWAY 138 E													
City LITHONIA (DEKALB)		State GA		Zip 30030						City STOCKBRIDGE (HENRY)		State GA		Zip 30281									
Removed By: STATE WIDE		<input type="checkbox"/> Request		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List						Removed By: DRIVER 2		<input type="checkbox"/> Request		<input type="checkbox"/> List									
Alcohol Test: No		Type:		Results:		Drug Test: No		Type:		Results:		Alcohol Test: No		Type:		Results:		Drug Test: No		Type:		Results:	
First Harmful Event: Motor Vehicle In Motion		Most Harmful Event: Motor Vehicle In Motion		Operator/Ped Cond: Not Drinking						First Harmful Event: Motor Vehicle In Motion		Most Harmful Event: Motor Vehicle In Motion		Operator/Ped Cond: Not Drinking									
Operator Factors: Improper Turn										Operator Factors: No Contributing Factors													
Vehicle Factors: No Contributing Factors		Roadway Factors: No Contributing Factors								Vehicle Factors: No Contributing Factors		Roadway Factors: No Contributing Factors											
Direction of Travel: North		Vehicle Maneuver: Turning Right		Non-Motor Maneuver:						Direction of Travel: North		Vehicle Maneuver: Straight		Non-Motor Maneuver:									
Vehicle Class: Police		Vehicle Type: Passenger Car		Vision Obscured: Not Obscured						Vehicle Class: Privately Owned		Vehicle Type: Passenger Car		Vision Obscured: Not Obscured									
Number of Occupants: 1		Area of Initial Contact: Right Side-Near Front		Damage to Vehicle: Disabling Damage						Number of Occupants: 1		Area of Initial Contact: Left Side-Center		Damage to Vehicle: Functional Damage									
Traffic Way Flow: Two-Way Trafficway with no physical separation		Road Composition: Black Top		Road Character: Straight and Level						Traffic Way Flow: Two-Way Trafficway with no physical separation		Road Composition: Black Top		Road Character: Straight and Level									
Number of Lanes: 4		Posted Speed: 35		Work Zone: Maintenance						Number of Lanes: 4		Posted Speed: 35		Work Zone: None									
Traffic Control: Lanes		Device Inoperative: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No								Traffic Control: Lanes		Device Inoperative: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No											
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COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES ONLY												COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES ONLY											
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COLLISION FIELDS

Manner of Collision: Angle Location at Area of Impact: On Roadway - Non-intersection Weather: Clear Surface Condition: Dry Light Condition: Dark-Lighted

NARRATIVE:

Driver 1 was traveling northbound on Woodrow Rd at a slow speed, in the left straight travel lane. Driver 2 was also traveling northbound on Woodrow Rd, approaching vehicle 1 from the rear. Since driver 1 was traveling at a slow speed, driver 2 changed to the right straight travel lane in order to pass vehicle 1. As vehicle 2 was passing vehicle 1, driver 1 made a sudden right turn from the left lane without warning, attempting to turn into the rear drive of the Waffle House (2918 Woodrow Rd). During the process of the sudden turn, vehicle 1's right front fender, struck vehicle 2 on the left side of the vehicle. There were no injuries reported at the scene. Body worn footage available.

DIAGRAM



PROPERTY DAMAGE INFORMATION

Damage Other Than Vehicle:

Owner:

WITNESS INFORMATION

Name (Last, First)	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Number
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OCCUPANT INFORMATION

1	Name (Last, First): BEDMINSTER, DWAYNE					Address: 2484 BRUCE STREET LITHONIA (DEKALB), GA 30058				
	Age: 24	Sex: Male	Unit # 1	Position: Front Seat-Left Side	Safety Eq: Lap and Shoulder Belt Used	Ejected: Not Ejected	Extricated: No	Air Bag: Non-Deployed Air	Injury: No Apparent Injury	Taken for Treatment: No
	Injured Taken To:		By:		EMS Notified Time:	EMS Arrival Time:		Hospital Arrival Time:		
2	Name (Last, First): LANDERS, JADA SADA					Address: 6809 ARABIAN TERRACE LITHONIA (DEKALB), GA 30038				
	Age: 19	Sex: Female	Unit # 2	Position: Front Seat-Left Side	Safety Eq: Lap and Shoulder Belt Used	Ejected: Not Ejected	Extricated: No	Air Bag: Non-Deployed Air	Injury: No Apparent Injury	Taken for Treatment: No
	Injured Taken To:		By:		EMS Notified Time:	EMS Arrival Time:		Hospital Arrival Time:		
3	Name (Last, First):					Address:				
	Age:	Sex:	Unit #	Position:	Safety Eq:	Ejected:	Extricated:	Air Bag:	Injury:	Taken for Treatment:
	Injured Taken To:		By:		EMS Notified Time:	EMS Arrival Time:		Hospital Arrival Time:		
4	Name (Last, First):					Address:				
	Age:	Sex:	Unit #	Position:	Safety Eq:	Ejected:	Extricated:	Air Bag:	Injury:	Taken for Treatment:
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ADMINISTRATIVE:										
Photos Taken: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					By: SGT GARSIDE		Officer Note: <i>If collision resulted in a fatality, please send prompt notification to the GDOT Crash Reporting Unit via either email at GeorgiaFARS@dot.ga.gov or Fax at (404) 635-2963.</i>			
Report By: SEYMOUR, T (2337)		Agency: DeKalb Co Police Department		Report Date: 05/11/2020 03:59		Checked By: HARRIS, S		Date Checked: 5/20/2020		

Report Criteria: Individual Officer: Bedminster, Dwayne Everiste / Personnel Action: Disciplinary Action / Action Between: 5/18/2017 AND 5/18/2020

Officer's Action Report #A-5

Officer Personnel Actions With Notes / Details

No Records Were Found

Detective Sharpe,

Attached you will find a Line Level complaint that was initiated at the Precinct/Unit level, as a result it has yet to be entered in the IA database.

Please log it in the database to include the disposition and return it to me with a 20-L_05R case number on it so I can place it in the employee(s) file.

officer: D.E. Bedminster #3550
DAR for BWC

Thanks, Sgt. T.S. SHARPE



DeKalb County Police Department

Line Level Complaint Form

Complaint Date May 15, 2020	Complainant Name Razhonge Landers	Complainant Address 6809 Arabian Terrace, Stoncrest, GA 30038
Complainant Phone [REDACTED]	Officer(s) Involved Officer D.E. Bedminster #3550	
Incident Date May 11, 2020	Case # or Citation # 20-036464	Incident Location Woodrow Rd just south of Mall Pkwy
Nature of Complaint The complainant's daughter Jada was involved in a vehicle accident with Officer Bedminster. The complainant sent an email advising that the facts of the vehicle accident report were incorrect. The complainant advised that the officer lied. The complainant also advised that per her daughter, Officer Bedminster yelled at her, belittled her and made her exit her vehicle not knowing if she was injured. The complainant provided a video from a business.		
Findings Based on the statements from Jada Landers and Officer Bedminster, I find that this complaint is NOT SUSTAINED. Jada advised that Officer Bedminster raised his voice when asking her, "Where was she going". Officer Bedminster's statement confirms that he was asking her "Where was she going". However, I am unable to ascertain because there is no Body Worn footage for me to review. NOT SUSTAINED *Officer Bedminster advised that he did inquire if Jada was injured and she rolled up her window. However, I am unable to verify this information because there is no Body Worn footage to review. NOT SUSTAINED *Officer Bedminster advised that he did not advise Jada to exit her vehicle. Jada confirms this in her statement that she exited her vehicle when Officer Seymour arrived. UNFOUNDED Officer Seymour did ask Jada if she was injured, 5/11/2020 @ 0151 hrs at 1:19 mark in the video. She replied that she was not injured. *After reviewing the video of the vehicle accident. The accident report was amended to reflect that Officer Bedminster was at fault. *It was alleged that Officer Bedminster lied about the accident. UNFOUNDED (See attached memorandum)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Exonerated <input type="checkbox"/> Sustained <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Sustained <input type="checkbox"/> Unfounded <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn		
Action Taken I advised Ms. Razhonge Landers that the accident report was amended to reflect that her daughter was not at fault. The citation that her daughter received was dismissed at State Traffic Court on 5/20/2020, (See attached memorandum). A disciplinary action packet was completed regarding Officer Bedminster failing to activate his Body Worn camera.		
Investigating Supervisor Name: Lt. S.L. Harris Badge: 2038 Signature: _____		



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Uniform Division - East Precinct

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To: Captain J.C. Popp #1839
From: Lieutenant S.L. Harris #2038
Subject: Officer Bedminster #3550 Line Level Complaint
Date: Wednesday, June 03, 2020

Summary:

In Ms. Landers' email, she states, the police "not telling the truth". Officer Bedminster advises in his statement for the vehicle accident, that he was looking for an arsonist, and did not realize that he was traveling in the left lane. However, the video shows him abruptly changing to the right lane or possibly trying to turn in the rear parking lot of the Waffle House. Officer Bedminster was not untruthful / deceptive in his statement. He honestly thought he was traveling in the right lane while searching for a suspect involved in an arson.

Jada was initially found at fault because Officer Bedminster advised that he was searching for an arsonist. He advised that he was traveling at a slow speed in order to get a better look inside of the Waffle House windows. Therefore, it was believable that he would be traveling in the right lane on Woodrow Rd, the closet lane to the Waffle House. Upon viewing the video evidence, Officer Bedminster was traveling at a slow speed in order to look in the Waffle House windows. However he was traveling in the left lane.

Jada was originally issued a citation for causing the vehicle accident. However, based on the video evidence it was determined that she did not violate any traffic laws. On May 20th, Officer Seymour filled out a citation dismissal form and submitted it to the appropriate court personal in order to have the citation dismissed. Upon checking on-line, the citation is not showing as dismissed in the court system. Upon speaking with court personnel, I was advised that the Assistant Solicitor that handles dismissing citations, works from home and is unavailable for a face to face meeting. I will check periodically to ensure the citation has been dismissed. As of 6/3/2020, there has not been a court date assigned to the citation.

Signature Lieutenant S.L.
Harris #2038

Digitally signed by Lieutenant S.L.
Harris #2038
Date: 2020.06.03 01:44:16 -04'00'



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To: Lt Harris #2038
From: Dwayne Bedminster 3550
Subject: 20-036464
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020

Summary:

During my contact with the driver I did not yell or belittle her in anyway. I only came up to the driver and asked her if she was alright. I then asked the driver "where did you think you were going. Didn't you see that the lane was ending". She then got mad and rolled up her window, and then got out her car to look at the damage to her vehicle. She then got back into her vehicle. I did not make her get out the vehicle at anytime. My body worn camera was not activated during our contact. I forgot to activate my camera because I was more concern of the well being of the other driver.

Signature

Dwayne Bedminster

Digitally signed by Dwayne
Bedminster
Date: 2020.05.22 00:00:19 -04'00'



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To: Lt Harris #2038
From: Dwayne Bedminster 3550
Subject: 20-036464
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020

Summary:

On May 11, 2020 I was driving northbound on Woodrow Drive approaching Mall Pkwy with a Chevrolet Impala GA Tag # RVD8570 driving behind me. I slowed down to change lanes by moving to the right lane. I did not realize that the vehicle that was behind was trying to pass my vehicle on the right. When I moved into the lane I felt a sudden impact of my police unit 12565 colliding with the other vehicle. My police unit received a dent to the front passenger fender. I notified Sgt. Bass #2060 of the accident. My born camera was not initially activated.

I was traveling on Woodrow Rd, looking for a suspect involved in an arson. I did not realize that I was traveling in the left lane. I changed to the right lane to get a better look inside the waffle house.

Signature

Dwayne Bedminster

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Bedminster
Date: 2020.05.23 00:15:36 -0400'



DEKALB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
STATEMENT FORM



CASE NUMBER: 20-036464

STATEMENT OF: Jada Handers SOC. SEC. # [REDACTED]
 DOB: [REDACTED] SEX: F HEIGHT: 5'3 WEIGHT: 125 RACE: B
 ADDRESS: 6809 Arabian Terrace APT: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: Atlanta Ga 30037
 ALTERNATE ADDRESS: same EMPLOYER: _____
 PHONE #S: HOME: _____ WORK: _____ CELL: [REDACTED]
 STATEMENT TAKEN BY: LT HARRIS #2032 DATE: 5/21/20
 TIME: BEGAN: _____ ENDED: _____ LOCATION: 6809 Arabian Terrace

After the incident, the officers got out of the car and was asking me something about a lane so if I didn't know what I was doing, half of the things he asked me, but I couldn't understand. I was calmly telling him that I live around here (implying that I know the area) and I also brought up the body cam. He told me to then turn off my car. I did that. He then asked me over and over with a slight high pitch toned where was I going. He went to his car and parked it up like a foot 1/2 away before I guess officer Deymour (or whoever looked at the debris) came to the scene. He left everything, and me myself how we ended up, my door wouldn't be able to open. I just remained calm and did as the officer told me to. I am not the best driver, but I have been doing great lately and by him yelling at me I was very scared and sad. The investigator came and did wonderful and I answered his questions, got out of the car to map out how it happened. I finally got a ticket and then my parents got called and they followed me home.

Signed: Jada Handers Page 1 Witnessed LT Harris #2032

Jada Handers

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Harris, Shaun L.

From: Popp, Joseph C.
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Harris, Shaun L.
Subject: FW: Accident Case Number 20-036464

Address and advise

From: Padrick, Gregory A
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Banks, Kenric <kdbanks@dekalbcountyga.gov>; Popp, Joseph C. <JCPopp@dekalbcountyga.gov>
Cc: Lavigne, Mark F. <mflavign@dekalbcountyga.gov>
Subject: FW: Accident Case Number 20-036464

Major Banks and Captain Popp,

Please assign this complaint to a Lieutenant for further investigation. Make sure the complainant is contacted as soon as possible to let them know that this is being investigated.

Thank you,

Assistant Chief G. A. Padrick #1896
DeKalb County Police Department
Uniform Division Commander
1960 West Exchange Place | Tucker, GA 30084
Desk: 770-724-7843
Email: gapadrick@dekalbcountyga.gov



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From: Smith, Randy S
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Padrick, Gregory A <gapadric@dekalbcountyga.gov>
Cc: Ramos, Mirtha V. <mvramos@dekalbcountyga.gov>
Subject: FW: Accident Case Number 20-036464

Good Afternoon Sir,

We received this complaint from a citizen today. Can you look into this and advise on your findings please.

v/r

From: Razhonge Landers [REDACTED]@mercyatlanta.org>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Smith, Randy S <rssmith@dekalbcountyga.gov>
Subject: Accident Case Number 20-036464

Good Morning Chief Ramos,

I apologize for having to reach out to you for help, as I know you are busy. I've tried to resolve my concern regarding an accident with my daughter, Jada Landers, and a police officer, Bedminister, without success. The accident occurred 5/11/2020 at 0128 near the intersection of Woodrow road and Mall Parkway, Stonecrest Ga. I received a call from Jada around 0220 asking me to come to the scene because her car was going to be towed. I arrived there at approximately 0225 and the police car was actually being towed. Jada was cited for improper lane change and both cars were damaged. Jada is one of the most honest persons I know. She is brutally honest about everything. Jada advised me that the officer got out of his car, yelled and her, belittled her, made her exit the car (not knowing if she was injured or not) and moved his car prior to the investigators arrival. She also advised me that the officer was driving slowly and when the third lane opened she merged into that one to go around the officer. Once on side of the officer, he turned into her car and pushed her car onto the curve, which is where it was when I arrived. The officer who took the report was very professional and took extra time to explain to Jada's father and myself the details, I can't recall his name presently. He advised me of what he obtained from both parties and why she was ticketed. I obtained the police report yesterday and it noted that a body cam was used to make the determination. I emailed the Sgt on the police report, McBride and he returned my call last night. Sgt. McBride was very courteous and professional. He advised me that the body cam was not initiated until after the incident but Jada was recorded on the cam admitting she misjudged the lane. Jada denies saying that. Jada is 19 years of age, hasn't been to work all week because of this incident. She is depressed about her car, about another ticket, about the police "not telling the truth" and experiencing some soreness. I reached out to the corner stores and obtained video footage of the accident. The video clearly shows what Jadas' report is correct. The officer turned into her lane. We have high expectations of the law but I do understand why he wouldn't want to own that. The accident report shows the two cars together collided but his car wasn't in that place when the investigators arrived. Uncertain how they made the picture. My request is that someone please look into this case and assist my daughter in getting over this. We honor law enforcement for the hard work and dedication and have no desire to downplay that. However, if the officer was indeed at fault, we would like for him to take ownership. I'm hopeful that you can help us and that this matter could be resolved as smoothly as possible. I can be reached at [REDACTED]. Again, I apologize for reaching out to you, as I'm at my wits end. Thank you for your time.

Raz Landers, RN, BSN
Mercy Care @ City of Refuge
Office: 678-843-8520
Fax: 404-753-6955

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Agency Case Number 20-036464		Agency NCIC No. 0440200		GEORGIA MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH REPORT				County DEKALB		Date Rec. by DOT 5/11/2020									
Estimated Crash Date 5/11/2020		Time 01:40		Dispatch Date 5/11/2020		Time 01:45		Arrival Date 5/11/2020		Time 01:52		Total Number of Vehicles 2		Injuries 0		Fatalities 0		Inside City Of Lithonia	
Road of Occurrence WOODROW DR				At Its Intersection With MALL PKWY				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suppl. To Original?				<input type="checkbox"/> Private Property?							
Not At Its Intersection But				Of				<input type="checkbox"/> Hit And Run?											
Latitude (Y) 33.699608				Longitude (X) -84.117855															
Unit # 1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Ped <input type="checkbox"/> Bike		LAST NAME BEDMINSTER		FIRST DWAYNE		MIDDLE		Unit # 2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Ped <input type="checkbox"/> Bike		LAST NAME LANDERS		FIRST JADA SADA		MIDDLE L	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susp At Fault		Address 2484 BRUCE STREET								<input type="checkbox"/> Susp At Fault		Address 6809 ARABIAN TERRACE							
City LITHONIA (DEKALB)		State GA		Zip 30058		DOB [REDACTED] 1995				City LITHONIA (DEKALB)		State GA		Zip 30039		DOB [REDACTED] 2000			
Driver's License No. [REDACTED]		Class CLASS C		State GA		Country USA				Driver's License No. [REDACTED]		Class CLASS C		State GA		Country USA			
Insurance Co. AMERICAN SOUTHERN INSURANCE		Policy No. [REDACTED]		Telephone No. 7704820300						Insurance Co. STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE		Policy No. [REDACTED]		Telephone No. [REDACTED]					
Year 2014		Make CHEVROLET		Model CAPRICE						Year 2014		Make CHEVROLET		Model IMPALA					
VIN 6G1MK5U39DL828514		Vehicle Color Black								VIN 2G112583XE9200358		Vehicle Color White							
Tag # GV5958D		State GA		County DEKALB		Year 2020				Tag # RVD8570		State GA		County DEKALB		Year 2020			
Trailer Tag #		State		County		Year				Trailer Tag #		State		County		Year			
<input type="checkbox"/> Same as Driver		Owner's Last Name DEKALB COUNTY		First COMMISSIONERS		Middle				<input type="checkbox"/> Same as Driver		Owner's Last Name BOBITT		First JEFFREY		Middle			
Address 1300 COMMERCE DR		City LITHONIA (DEKALB)		State GA		Zip 30030				Address 871 HIGHWAY 138 E		City STOCKBRIDGE (HENRY)		State GA		Zip 30281			
Removed By: STATE WIDE		<input type="checkbox"/> Request		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List						Removed By: DRIVER 2		<input type="checkbox"/> Request		<input type="checkbox"/> List					
Alcohol Test: No		Type:		Results:		Drug Test: No		Type:		Results:		Alcohol Test: No		Type:		Results:		Drug Test: No	
First Harmful Event: Motor Vehicle In Motion		Most Harmful Event: Motor Vehicle In Motion		Operator/Ped Cond: Not Drinking						First Harmful Event: Motor Vehicle In Motion		Most Harmful Event: Motor Vehicle In Motion		Operator/Ped Cond: Not Drinking					
Operator Factors: Improper Turn		Vehicle Factors: No Contributing Factors		Roadway Factors: No Contributing Factors						Operator Factors: No Contributing Factors		Vehicle Factors: No Contributing Factors		Roadway Factors: No Contributing Factors					
Direction of Travel: North		Vehicle Maneuver: Turning Right		Non-Motor Maneuver:						Direction of Travel: North		Vehicle Maneuver: Straight		Non-Motor Maneuver:					
Vehicle Class: Police		Vehicle Type: Passenger Car		Vision Obscured: Not Obscured						Vehicle Class: Privately Owned		Vehicle Type: Passenger Car		Vision Obscured: Not Obscured					
Number of Occupants: 1		Area of Initial Contact: Right Side-Near Front		Damage to Vehicle: Disabling Damage						Number of Occupants: 1		Area of Initial Contact: Left Side-Center		Damage to Vehicle: Functional Damage					
Traffic Way Flow: Two-Way Trafficway with no physical separation		Road Composition: Black Top		Road Character: Straight and Level						Traffic Way Flow: Two-Way Trafficway with no physical separation		Road Composition: Black Top		Road Character: Straight and Level					
Number of Lanes: 4		Posted Speed: 35		Work Zone: Maintenance						Number of Lanes: 4		Posted Speed: 35		Work Zone: None					
Traffic Control: Lanes		Device Inoperative: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No								Traffic Control: Lanes		Device Inoperative: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No							
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COLLISION FIELDS

Manner of Collision: Angle Location at Area of Impact: On Roadway - Non-Intersect Weather: Clear Surface Condition: Dry Light Condition: Dark-Lighted

NARRATIVE

Driver 1 was traveling northbound on Woodrow Rd at a slow speed, in the left straight travel lane. Driver 2 was also traveling northbound on Woodrow Rd, approaching vehicle 1 from the rear. Since driver 1 was traveling at a slow speed, driver 2 changed to the right straight travel lane in order to pass vehicle 1. As vehicle 2 was passing vehicle 1, driver 1 made a sudden right turn from the left lane without warning, attempting to turn into the rear drive of the Waffle House (2918 Woodrow Rd). During the process of the sudden turn, vehicle 1's right front fender, struck vehicle 2 on the left side of the vehicle. There were no injuries reported at the scene. Body worn footage available.

DIAGRAM



PROPERTY DAMAGE INFORMATION

Damage Other Than Vehicle: _____ Owner: _____

WITNESS INFORMATION

Name (Last, First)	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Telephone Number

OCCUPANT INFORMATION

1	Name (Last, First): BEDMINSTER, DWAYNE					Address: 2484 BRUCE STREET LITHONIA (DEKALB), GA 30058				
	Age: 24	Sex: Male	Unit #: 1	Position: Front Seat-Left Side	Safety Eq: Lap and Shoulder Belt Used	Ejected: Not Ejected	Extricated: No	Air Bag: Non-Deployed Air	Injury: No Apparent Injury	Taken for Treatment: No
	Injured Taken To:		By:		EMS Notified Time:		EMS Arrival Time:		Hospital Arrival Time:	
2	Name (Last, First): LANDERS, JADA SADA					Address: 6809 ARABIAN TERRACE LITHONIA (DEKALB), GA 30038				
	Age: 19	Sex: Female	Unit #: 2	Position: Front Seat-Left Side	Safety Eq: Lap and Shoulder Belt Used	Ejected: Not Ejected	Extricated: No	Air Bag: Non-Deployed Air	Injury: No Apparent Injury	Taken for Treatment: No
	Injured Taken To:		By:		EMS Notified Time:		EMS Arrival Time:		Hospital Arrival Time:	
3	Name (Last, First):					Address:				
	Age:	Sex:	Unit #:	Position:	Safety Eq:	Ejected:	Extricated:	Air Bag:	Injury:	Taken for Treatment:
	Injured Taken To:		By:		EMS Notified Time:		EMS Arrival Time:		Hospital Arrival Time:	
4	Name (Last, First):					Address:				
	Age:	Sex:	Unit #:	Position:	Safety Eq:	Ejected:	Extricated:	Air Bag:	Injury:	Taken for Treatment:
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Photos Taken: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	By: SGT GARSIDE	Officer Note: If collision resulted in a fatality, please send prompt notification to the GOOD Crash Reporting Unit via either email at GeorgiaFARS@dot.ga.gov or Fax at (404) 635-2863.	
Report By: SEYMOUR, T (2337)	Agency: Dekalb Co Police Department	Report Date: 05/11/2020 03:59	Checked By: HARRIS, S Date Checked: 5/22/2020

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Direction of Travel: North		Vehicle Maneuver: Changing Lanes		Non-Motor Maneuver:		Direction of Travel: North		Vehicle Maneuver: Straight		Non-Motor Maneuver:									
Vehicle Class: Privately Owned		Vehicle Type: Passenger Car		Vision Obscured: Not Obscured		Vehicle Class: Police		Vehicle Type: Passenger Car		Vision Obscured: Not Obscured									
Number of Occupants: 1		Area of Initial Contact: Left Side-Center		Damage to Vehicle: Functional Damage		Number of Occupants: 1		Area of Initial Contact: Right Side-Far Front		Damage to Vehicle: Disabling Damage									
Traffic Way Flow: Two-Way Trafficway with no physical separation		Road Composition: Black Top		Road Character: Straight and Level		Traffic Way Flow: Two-Way Trafficway with no physical separation		Road Composition: Black Top		Road Character: Straight and Level									
Number of Lanes: 4		Posted Speed: 35		Work Zone: Maintenance		Number of Lanes: 4		Posted Speed: 35		Work Zone: None									
Traffic Control: Lanes		Device Inoperative: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Traffic Control: Lanes		Device Inoperative: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No													
Citation Information: Citation # 22097319ET		O.C.G.A. § 40-6-42		Citation Information: Citation #		O.C.G.A. §													
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COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES ONLY						COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES ONLY													
Carrier Name		City		State		Zip		Carrier Name		City		State		Zip					
U.S. D.O.T. #		No. of Axles		G.V.W.R.		U.S. D.O.T. #		No. of Axles		G.V.W.R.									
Cargo Body Type		Vehicle Config.		<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate <input type="checkbox"/> Intrastate		Fed. Reportable <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Cargo Body Type		Vehicle Config.		<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate <input type="checkbox"/> Intrastate		Fed. Reportable <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
C.D.L. ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		C.D.L. Suspended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		C.D.L. ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		C.D.L. Suspended? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													
Vehicle Placarded? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Hazardous Materials? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Vehicle Placarded? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Hazardous Materials? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													
Hazmat Released? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Hazmat Released? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No																	
If YES: Name or 4 Digit Number from Diamond or Box: One Digit Number from Bottom of Diamond:						If YES: Name or 4 Digit Number from Diamond or Box: One Digit Number from Bottom of Diamond:													
<input type="checkbox"/> Ran Off Road		<input type="checkbox"/> Down Hill Runaway		<input type="checkbox"/> Cargo Loss or Shift		<input type="checkbox"/> Separation of Units		<input type="checkbox"/> Ran Off Road		<input type="checkbox"/> Down Hill Runaway		<input type="checkbox"/> Cargo Loss or Shift		<input type="checkbox"/> Separation of Units					

COLLISION FIELDS

Manner of Collision: Same-Direction Location at Area of Impact: On Roadway - Non-Intersection Weather: Clear Surface Condition: Dry Light Condition: Dark-Lighted

NARRATIVE

Based on the information given by both drivers the following happened. Vehicle#2 traveling north bound on Evans Mill Road in lane #2. Vehicle #1 was traveling north bound on Evans Mill Road in lane #2 behind vehicle #2.
 Driver #1 said vehicle#2 was driving too slow. Driver#1 said when she tried to go around vehicle#2 on the right side, vehicle #2 struck her vehicle causing moderate damage to the left center part of the vehicle.
 Driver#2 said while he was on patrol he was traveling north bound on Evans Mill Road approaching the intersection of Mall Park Way and Evans Mill Road. Driver#2 said as he was approaching the intersection he noticed a white vehicle traveling behind his vehicle. Driver#2 said before he got to the intersection the white vehicle tried to go around his vehicle on the right side. Driver#2 said once vehicle#1 got beside his vehicle, vehicle#1 came into his lane striking his vehicle. Vehicle#2 sustained extensive right front end damage.
 Based on the debris in the roadway along with the version of events provided by both parties it was determined that driver #1 tried to pass vehicle#2 on the right side of the road way. While trying to pass vehicle#2, driver#1 tried to avoid hitting the sidewalk. Driver #1 came into vehicle#2's lane of travel and struck vehicle#2. No injuries were reported at the scene. Statewide Towing removed vehicle#2 from the scene.
 Driver#1 was cited for Improper Passing 40-6-42 citation # 22097319ET. Body Worn camera was used.

DIAGRAM



PROPERTY DAMAGE INFORMATION

Damage Other Than Vehicle: _____ Owner: _____

WITNESS INFORMATION

Name (Last, First) _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone Number _____

OCCUPANT INFORMATION										
1	Name (Last, First): LANDERS, JADA SADE					Address: 8809 ARABIAN TER LITHONIA (DEKALB), GA 30038				
	Age:	Sex:	Unit #	Position:	Safety Eq:	Ejected:	Extricated:	Air Bag:	Injury:	Taken for Treatment:
	19	Female	1	Front Seat-Left Side	Lap and Shoulder Belt Used	Not Ejected	No	Non-Deployed Air	No Apparent Injury	No
Injured Taken To:			By:		EMS Notified Time:		EMS Arrival Time:		Hospital Arrival Time:	
2	Name (Last, First): BEDMINSTER, DWAYNE					Address: 1300 COMMERCE DR DECATUR (DEKALB), GA 30030				
	Age:	Sex:	Unit #	Position:	Safety Eq:	Ejected:	Extricated:	Air Bag:	Injury:	Taken for Treatment:
	24	Male	2	Front Seat-Left Side	Lap and Shoulder Belt Used	Not Ejected	No	Non-Deployed Air	No Apparent Injury	No
Injured Taken To:			By:		EMS Notified Time:		EMS Arrival Time:		Hospital Arrival Time:	
3	Name (Last, First):					Address:				
	Age:	Sex:	Unit #	Position:	Safety Eq:	Ejected:	Extricated:	Air Bag:	Injury:	Taken for Treatment:
	Injured Taken To:			By:		EMS Notified Time:		EMS Arrival Time:		Hospital Arrival Time:
4	Name (Last, First):					Address:				
	Age:	Sex:	Unit #	Position:	Safety Eq:	Ejected:	Extricated:	Air Bag:	Injury:	Taken for Treatment:
	Injured Taken To:			By:		EMS Notified Time:		EMS Arrival Time:		Hospital Arrival Time:
ADMINISTRATIVE										
Photos Taken: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					By: SGT BASS		Officer Note: If collision resulted in a fatality, please send prompt notification to the GDOT Crash Reporting Unit via either email at GeorgiaFARS@dot.ga.gov or Fax at (404) 635-2863.			
Report By: SEYMOUR, T (2337)		Agency: Dekalb Co Police Department			Report Date: 05/11/2020 03:59		Checked By: HARRIS, S		Date Checked: 5/15/2020	

STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
TRAFFIC DIVISION
STATE OF GEORGIA

REQUEST FOR WARNING/DISMISSAL BY OFFICER

Come: no. T. Seymour Badge # 2337

Of DeKalb Police Police Department in writing below, I received the following citation(s)

~~2209319ET~~
22097319ET

To Jada LANDER DL# 

DOB _____

- Request that citation(s) be made a warning _____
- Request that citation(s) be dismissed

For the following reason(s) The wrong driver got the citation

Submitted this 20 day of May 2020

Officer's Signature T. Seymour #2337

Received by _____ ASG who recommends a Nolle Prosequi in this case.

Granted by _____

Judge, State Court of DeKalb County Traffic Division by designation



DEKALB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

SWORN OATH OF OFFICE

I, Dwayne Bedminster, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT I WILL SUPPORT AND
(PRINT NAME HERE)

DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA; THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY ENFORCE THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND THE COUNTY OF DEKALB; THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY PERFORM ALL OF THE DUTIES OF MY OFFICE, AND THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY OBSERVE ALL THE RULES, ORDERS AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEKALB COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT.

I DO FURTHER SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT I AM NOT THE HOLDER OF ANY UNACCOUNTED FOR PUBLIC MONEY DUE THIS STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR AUTHORITY THEREOF; THAT I AM NOT THE HOLDER OF ANY OFFICE OF TRUST UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ANY OTHER STATE, OR ANY FOREIGN STATE WHICH, BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, I AM PROHIBITED FROM HOLDING; AND THAT I AM OTHERWISE QUALIFIED TO BE A POLICE OFFICER ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA.

I DO FURTHER SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT, AS A POLICE OFFICER, I WILL FAITHFULLY SERVE AND PROTECT, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, ALL CITIZENS REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, OR CREED.

I ACCEPT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OR CANON OF ETHICS AS MY STANDARD OF CONDUCT WHILE ON OR OFF DUTY AND SWEAR TO FAITHFULLY ABIDE BY AND DEFEND THE SAME.

Dwayne Bedminster 11/15/2014
(SIGNATURE & DATE)

[Signature] 3083 11/15/19
(WITNESS & DATE)

**GEORGIA CRIME INFORMATION CENTER
AWARENESS STATEMENT**

Access to Criminal Justice Information (CJI), as defined in Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) Council Rule 140-1-.02 (amended), and dissemination of such information is governed by state and federal laws and the Rules of the GCIC Council. CJI cannot be accessed or disseminated by any personnel except as directed by superiors and as authorized by approved standard operating procedures. These standard operating procedures are based on controlling state and federal laws, relevant federal regulations, and the Rules of the GCIC Council.

O.C.G.A. §35-3-38 establishes criminal penalties for specific offenses involving obtaining, using, or disseminating criminal history record information (CHRI) except as permitted by law. The same statute establishes criminal penalties for disclosing or attempting to disclose techniques or methods employed to ensure the security and privacy of information or data contained in Georgia criminal justice information systems.

The Georgia Computer Systems Protection Act (Act), O.C.G.A. §16-9-90 et. seq., provides for the protection of public and private sector computer systems, including communications links to such computer systems. The Act establishes four criminal offenses, all major felonies, for violations of the Act: Computer Theft, Computer Trespass, Computer Invasion of Privacy, and Computer Forgery. The criminal penalties for each offense carries maximum sentences of fifteen (15) years in prison and/or fines up to \$50,000.00, as well as possible civil ramifications. The Act also establishes Computer Password Disclosure as a criminal offense with penalties of one (1) year in prison and/or a \$5,000.00 fine.

The Georgia Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Network is operated by the GCIC in compliance with O.C.G.A. §35-3-31. All databases accessible through CJIS Network terminals are protected by the Computer Systems Protection Act. Similar communications and computer systems operated by municipal/county governments are also protected by the Act.

By my signature below,
I acknowledge that I have read and understand this Awareness Statement.

Print Name: Dwayne Bedminster

Signed: 

Date: 04/22/2019