

2024-00059

CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DATE: 10/20/2024

ALLEGATION/INQUIRY/COMMENDATION-REPORT FORM

I. Information Source:

Name: Jonathan Brandreth Race: W Sex: M Age: 38 Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1986  
 Address: 518 Winder Trl City: Canton, GA Zip: 30114  
 Home Phone: [REDACTED] Business Phone:

II. Deputy/Civilian Employee Information:

Name: Jack Fulenwider Rank: Sergeant I.D.#:  
 Division: UPD Unit Number: C-2  
 Name: Rank: I.D.#:  
 Division: Unit Number:

III. Location of Incident:

Northside Cherokee Hospital

Date: 10/20/2024 Time: 2000 Case Number: SO24-014476

IV. Description of Incident:  Allegation  Inquiry  Commendation

See Attached

V. Witness Information:

Name: Address: City:  
 Home Phone: Business Phone:  
 Name: Address: City:  
 Home Phone: Business Phone:

VI. Person Taking Report:

Name: Dakota Lyvers Rank: Sergeant  
 Division: UPD Shift: 4 Badge Number: 787

VII. Supervisor's Comments/Recommendations: See attached document

VIII. Allegation/Inquiry/Commendation Information:

How A/I/C Received:  Telephone  Written Form  Personal Contact

A/I/C Referred to: Lt. Christopher Bryant

A/I/C Resolved on Initial Contact  Allegation/Inquiry Withdrawn

IX. Documentation Attached:  Incident Report  Written Statement  Other

X. Division Commanders Review: Capt. T. Shinn 10/31/2024  
(Signature) (Date)

- No further Action Required.  
 Refer to \_\_\_\_\_ for further investigation.  
 Recommend Formal Commendation.

Additional Comments:

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- Sustained: The evidence is sufficient to prove the allegations.  
 Not Sustained: The evidence is insufficient to either prove or disprove the allegations.  
 Exonerated: The evidence shows that the incident occurred and was lawful or proper.  
 Unfounded: The evidence shows that the allegation is false or not factual.  
 Policy Failure: The evidence is sufficient to show that the incident occurred, but was a result of flawed policy or procedures.
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### XI. Service of Employee

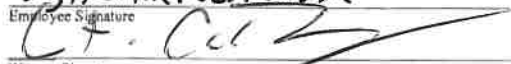
I hereby certify that the allegations have been discussed and described to me. I have received a copy of the Employee Rights Form and acknowledge that I understand these rights.

Sgt. JACK FULENWIJDER  
Employee Signature  
  
Witness Signature

10/30/2024  
Date  
11/1/24  
Date

### XII. Notification of Findings

I understand that the investigating officer has the duty to inform me of the outcome of this investigation (sustained, not sustained, exonerated, unfounded, or policy failure) and I hereby certify and affirm that he / she has done so. I further understand that the investigating officer is merely a finder of fact and will not determine if adverse disciplinary action will be taken.

Sgt. JACK FULENWIJDER  
Employee Signature  
  
Witness Signature

10/30/2024  
Date  
11/1/24  
Date

Distribution: Division Commander  
Internal Affairs

**To:** Lt. Christopher Bryant

**From:** Sgt. Dakota Lyvers

**Subject:** SO24-014476 AIC regarding CSO employee Sgt. Jack Fulenwider

**Complainant:** Jonathan Brandreth Date of Birth- 2/24/86

Address- 518 Winder Trl. Canton, GA 30114

Phone- [REDACTED]

On 10/20/2024, I was notified to call Jonathan Brandreth in regards to a complaint he wished to make against Sgt. Fulenwider, who was working an extra job at Northside Cherokee Hospital. I activated my body worn camera (BWC) and called Jonathan. Jonathan alleged that Sgt. Fulenwider was not pleasurable to deal with, when asking him to "not tow his vehicle" from the front of the hospital. Jonathan described Sgt. Fulewider to be an "asshole", and that Sgt. Fulenwider said "If you're looking to fight someone, I'm the fucking one." Jonathan believed Sgt. Fulenwider was getting too close to him, wishing to "fight him". He explained how he didn't feel comfortable with his interaction with Sgt. Fulenwider, believing that Sgt. Fulenwider was trying to instigate a fight, while wearing "a vest, gun and taser". Jonathan called Canton Police Department, and spoke with Sgt. Lilley. Sgt. Lilley explained how he wasn't able to handle the situation because he is with Canton PD and wasn't at the hospital when the incident occurred. Jonathan wished for me to review Sgt. Fulenwider's BWC footage.

I reviewed Sgt. Fulenwider's BWC footage, labeled SO24-014476 (two separate videos). I also spoke with Sgt. Fulenwider about this situation. After having done so, I called Jonathan. This conversation was recorded on my BWC. I explained to Jonathan that I had reviewed Sgt. Fulenwider's BWC and didn't believe there to be any violations of policy. I explained numerous times how I believed there was confusion between the two, even providing an example to try to bring light to Jonathan that he was being told to do something by a law enforcement officer, but choosing to ignore the orders. I explained how I planned to talk with Sgt. Fulenwider about the situation; however, Jonathan was not satisfied with that. Jonathan wished for Sgt. Fulenwider to receive some form of disciplinary action for his actions of being a "dick" and an "asshole" and for trying to "fight him". I informed him I would forward this allegation up to the appropriate people.

Having reviewed the BWC of the incident, and having talked with the complainant and with Sgt. Fulenwider, it is my belief and recommendation that the allegation in this incident be closed UNFOUNDED. However, the complainant requested a further look into this incident. Therefore, I am forwarding it to Sgt. Fulenwider's current Precinct Commander, Lt. Christopher Bryant.



Sheriff Frank Reynolds  
October 28, 2024

**CHEROKEE SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Captain Todd Shinall  
**FROM:** Lieutenant Christopher Bryant  
**SUBJECT** Sergeant Fulenwider AIC/SO24-014476

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On October 20, 2024, Sergeant Lyvers received an allegation on Sergeant Fulenwider from Jonathan Brandreth; the basis of the complaint falls under Sheriff's Office Policy #01-03-02 Code of Conduct; F; 6 (Courtesy). Sgt. Lyvers conducted his own investigation into the incident and found the allegation UNFOUNDED. However, upon contacting Mr. Brandreth, he was not satisfied with the findings; the complaint was forwarded to me for follow-up. Below is a synopsis of the interaction between Sgt. Fulenwider and Mr. Brandreth:

Prior to Sgt. Fulenwider's body camera being activated, Mr. Brandreth can be seen at the emergency room triage desk with a female; Sgt. Fulenwider can be seen in the hospital security office sitting. Mr. Brandreth can be seen speaking with Sgt. Fulenwider, then exiting and returning to the triage station. At or around 2000 hours, Mr. Brandreth can be seen entering the vestibule, stopping, and looking intently at Sgt. Fulenwider, and raising his arms from his side in what appears to be an expression of displeasure. Sgt. Fulenwider exited the security office and spoke with Mr. Brandreth; this interaction is captured on his body worn camera.

The body worn camera footage begins with Sgt. Fulenwider asking Mr. Brandreth if he had an issue to which Mr. Brandreth inquires if Sgt. Fulenwider is having a bad day. Sgt. Fulenwider states to Mr. Brandreth to "go move your car and get out of my face." Sgt. Fulenwider then instructed Mr. Brandreth to move his car several times to which he inquired if Sgt. Fulenwider was "insane." Mr. Brandreth then stated in a condescending manner "you're having a bad day" and another disagreement ensues regarding their initial interaction, followed by a back and forth related to Mr. Brandreth's winking at Sgt. Fulenwider. Following this, Sgt. Fulenwider stepped towards Mr. Brandreth and stated, "if you want an issue with me, you came to the right guy." Sgt. Fulenwider attributed this statement as a tactic to direct Mr. Brandreth out of the waiting room and away from patients. Mr. Brandreth returned to his car and stated while walking away that he was calling a supervisor; during the video I was unable to see any physical contact, or vulgarity from either party.

Following their initial interaction, Sgt. Fulenwider's body camera recorded a secondary interaction with Mr. Brandreth on the sidewalk in front of the emergency room. This recording consisted of Sgt. Fulenwider attempting to give Mr. Brandreth a business card, and Mr. Brandreth insisting he place it on the ground as he talks on his cell phone. After both attempt to talk over one another, Sgt. Fulenwider stated "if you're going to be a belligerent idiot, you're going to have to leave." After another back and forth between the two, Mr. Brandreth's abruptly ends their conversation with the statement "the cops are coming" and walks off. The



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body camera footage continues for several minutes, however, there is no other interaction between Sgt. Fulenwider and Mr. Brandreth.

After reviewing body-worn camera footage, hospital security camera footage, and a statement made by Sgt. Fulenwider, I find no evidence that Sgt. Fulenwider used vulgarities or challenged Mr. Brandreth to a fight, nor any suggestion that Sgt. Fulenwider used his "vest, gun, or taser" as a tool for intimidation. Therefore, I recommend this allegation be closed UNFOUNDED.

On October 24, 2024 I contacted Jonathan and informed him of my findings for this allegation. This conversation was recorded on my body camera.

**CKB**