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Good day, my name is S. C. Paizes, I am a State of Florida Certified and Licensed Building, Roofing and Air-conditioning Contractor. Lic. #'s CBC1251225, CCC1330627 and CAC1817880 respectively. On Saturday January 21, 2023 at approximately 9:05am at the entrance to the Aquarium we had a very unpleasant and disturbing incident with Corporal Desirae Krause.

Originally I was waiting to gather evidence and witness affidavits prior to filing my internal affairs complaint, however, I have already been stonewalled in gathering the records I have requested in order to substantiate and support my complaint by an individual who identified himself Billy Pasmore (January 24, 2023). I have made several public records requests through your records department and have received the following confirmation numbers regarding my records requests: #'s P143176-012323, P143401-012423 and P143454-012423. As stated, I had hoped to gather the information prior to submitting my detailed complaint, however, after the conversation with Billy Pasmore, it has become necessary to lodge my complaint now prior to gathering my supporting documents and evidence.

Before I continue, it is vitally important to note that I am on the opposite spectrum of the anti law enforcement movements. I have family members and a business partner that are long time law enforcement officers and appreciate the extremely difficult and dangerous jobs law enforcement does to keep order and peace in our communities. I support law enforcement one hundred percent. I lost a friend whom I trained and taught with side by side in Cincinnati whose name is Officer Sonny Kim, who a few days after our last seminar together, was murdered by an anti police criminal who shot and killed my dear friend and fellow instructor. Therefore, coming forward with a complaint against a law enforcement officer is done with extreme reluctance and something I wish I didn't have to do, however, the circumstances on January 21, 2023 cannot go unchallenged due to our desire to protect other officers, the agency and it's mission as well as the general public. On the afternoon of January 24, 2023, I received a phone call from an individual at the Sheriff's Office that identified himself as Billy Pasmore. Mr. Pasmore inquired as to my request for the officers that were assigned to an off duty detail at the Aquarium/Cruise Ship Terminal 2. Mr. Parsons was quite adamantly boisterous that I will never get a list of

the officers that worked at the Aquarium that day and I was not entitled to them or any body camera video that I requested. I explained to Mr. Parsons that I have a right to public records under Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes. However, Mr. Pasmore passionately defended his position and adamantly reiterated I would not be getting the requested records. Mr. Pasmore also stated I would not be getting any body cam footage to which I explained I am entitled to the footage under the public records laws of Florida Chapter 119, and in fact other law enforcement agencies throughout the state consistently give body camera footage when requested by the public. Mr. Pasmore stated "we" operate differently." I stated it's Florida law to which Mr. Pasmore stated "you're not getting it, and you're not entitled to it." He then said if the body cam doesn't exist then why do you want it, I stated I need to do a thorough investigation prior to filing my internal affairs complaint. Mr. Pasmore then began what I interpreted as defending Corporal Desirae Krause and saying he was told I was upset, etc. I told Pasmore that I simply want the records and am not getting into the details at this time. Pasmore stated well you're not getting them! Due to this interaction, I have decided to submit my complaint and provide the details stated herein and will supplement this complaint with supporting documents once received. I also do not want Mr. Pasmore calling me again.

The events herein took place at the entrance to the Aquarium at Cruise Terminal 2 on January 21, 2023, at approximately 9:05am - 9:35am.

My family and I decided to leave our home early and take a leisurely drive on January 21, 2023, since the Aquarium has limited amounts of electric wheelchairs/scooters and I wanted to be sure my disabled elderly mother in law (Dolores Konior) was able to acquire one. I was accompanied by my wife Maria and my mother in law's friend Margaret Oniel to celebrate a birthday prior to going to Texas D' Brazil.

We arrived early at the Aquarium parking lot and decided to go and drop off my mother in law and her friend at the front entrance and then I would park the car and join them. Upon approaching the turn into the Aquarium area/Cruise Terminal 2, we pulled up and asked a Deputy who was directing traffic where the Aquarium entrance was so we could drop off my disabled mother in law. Deputy Ortiz # (255462) pointed to the entrance and stated go through there, I asked again to be sure I was entering the correct way and if I should go through where Deputy Ortiz had instructed me to go and Ortiz stated, yes go through there. Upon driving towards the entrance we encountered Corporal Desirae Krause, who yelled in a loud voice STOP, to which I did. She pointed to a trolley that was headed that way at a slow rate of speed. We waited and after the trolley passed we proceeded. Upon passing Corporal Desirae Krause, she shouted loudly and rudely "you need to watch where you're going", to which I simply said, there's no need to be rude. It was obvious to all the occupants that Krause was extremely rude and discourteous exhibiting anger. As we continued Krause shouted "Oh, he's done", which was heard by all the occupants in my vehicle. We approached the Aquarium front entrance area and Ms. Oniel who had stepped out of the vehicle stated, "oh boy here she comes." I removed the wheelchair we had in the vehicle and opened it for my mother in law. (This wheelchair

would get my mother in law to the front door prior to obtaining the rented Aquarium electric wheelchair).

Corporal Desiree Krouse approached me in a aggressive and forceful manner and shouted close to my face give me your license, (due to Krause's anger, Krause's sputum went on my face) to which I stated, I've done nothing wrong, she then shouted again and again. I immediately requested a supervisor, to which Krause kept shouting in my face give me your license. I stated you have no probable cause, I have done nothing wrong. Krause kept shouting give me your license. At this time my wife, Ms. Oniel and my mother in law were visibly shaken and very distraught. Other bystanders sitting on the bench and nearby began to scatter quickly. I again asked for a supervisor to which Krause kept shouting give me your license. I did notice Krause had a body cam on and asked her if it was on, to which I got no reply. I asked Krause to put her body camera on to which Krause ignored me. I explained to Corporal Kraus that she would be violating my Fourth Amendment rights by demanding my license since I had done nothing wrong. Krause stated if I did not give her my license I would be arrested for obstruction, I stated obstruction is a secondary offense. It was quite evident that Krause was going to cause injury and violence due to her anger, posture and violent demeanor. There was no de-escalation and I had to control the situation for the benefit of avoiding injury and de-escalating the incident. Therefore, noticing my family was shaken by the actions of Krause, I gave my license and stated this is wrong and you have violated my rights.

Another officer, whose name I did not get was ordered by Krause to "watch him." That officer was courteous and did not know what was going on, but stayed with me for quite some time, even allowing me to move my vehicle so others would have drop off access. I inquired for approximately 25 minutes as to what Krause was doing and taking so long, to which the officer stated he did not know, but she was in her car not directing traffic or controlling the crowds. I also asked who Krause's supervisor was and I was pointed to an elderly Deputy who was I was told was retired. *See*, CAD # 23-62939.

Corporal Desirae Krause finally returned and to my surprise gave me a citation (#AGD50KE) and my driver's license. I again asked if her body cam was on and Krause said NO, I said you need to put it on, she exclaimed, I'm on private property I don't have to put it on, you have 3 points on your license, I then twice more requested Krause call a supervisor, to which Krause loudly stated, we're done! and briskly walked away.

Upon review of the citation it states the as follows:

*"Failure to yield to public transit vehicles, failed to yield to trolley, **despite multiple law enforcement officers directing him to stop**, nearly causing a collision w/pass in veh." F. S. § 316.0815 (1). (Emphasis added).*

First off, Deputy Ortiz instructed me to proceed. Secondly the citation is incorrect/ falsified and multiple witnesses will attest that I in fact did stop when ordered to. The

citation was issued in retaliation by Corporal Desirae Krause because I simply stated “there’s no need to be rude” to which Krause shouted “oh, he’s done” and pursued me to my vehicle. Then Krause, who was essentially in my face shouting in front of many other citizens displayed extreme anger, acted in a manner that was extremely rude and discourteous, which is unbecoming of a Hillsborough County representative in uniform. As a matter of fact her behavior was quite disturbing to all that witnessed her demeanor and very loud voice in close proximity to my face, to the point that her sputum hit my face, often cause by persons that are angry, an involuntary response of sorts caused by anger. I believe that Krause has significant anger issues, was emotional, abused her authority and harassed me for simply stating there was no need for her to be rude. Krause used excessive force, although nothing physical with the exception of her sputum in my face several times and neglected her duties and responsibilities by refusing to put her body cam on when asked twice.

As we all know the County Commissioners approved the finances for the \$14,000,000.00 body cam program for accountability and safety, more specifically in my opinion and with law enforcement close to me, for officer safety. Krause refused to engage her body cam, not by accident or forgetfulness, but rather on purpose since she was asked repeatedly. Therefore, the body cam program failed on January 21, 2023. When I drove past Deputy Niemann # (4687) after the incident, I approached Niemann and stated I have a question, I notice that Niemann put her body cam on by pressing the center button, (which is the same as my body cam, which on this day I did not have with me as I did not think a leisurely day with my family would ever warrant its use), I asked Niemann why she put her body camera on and was told, anytime she comes in contact with a citizen she has to put it on. I said thank you and left.

I am in the process of obtaining various forms of evidence to substantiate my claims since there is a possibility that another Deputy might try and cover for Corporal Krause and evidence will support the truth and the truth shall be supported by the evidence. I will supplement my complaint once I have gathered the supporting evidence.

As stated, something bad was about to happen, Krause was so unjustifiably angry, boisterous and unprofessional that if I had not turned over my license I probably would have wound up in the hospital or worse. This encounter, albeit a minor traffic offense, (which I will have a trial with witnesses subpoenaed), reveals that Corporal Krause is extremely dangerous and unfit for the duties of a sworn law enforcement officer. There is no place for personal emotions in law enforcement, these lead to loss of focus and expose the county to tremendous liability. As we know, there are much worse situations officers unfortunately face daily, yet if this minor incident of simply stating to an officer there’s no need to be rude warrants such behavior, what happens when a real criminal shouts at Krause, calls her nasty and profane names as my family members and business partner encounter almost daily; will they be shot and killed because Krause is angry, emotional and pissed off, and it is likely that Krause shuts off or refuses to put on her body cam. The situation and how Krause behaved reveals much deeper issues with her ability to de-

escalate, engage the public in a safe and courteous manner, no matter what the offense. This matter must be investigated and also to keep Krause safe from her own actions.

Corporal Desirae Krause has placed herself, her fellow officers, the agency, the general public and the citizens of Hillsborough County in a precarious position, including opening the door to significant liability and bad publicity. Corporal Krause does not exemplify the mission of Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and our goals of aiding the community in defending law enforcement by increasing the trust and accountability of our beloved officers. Corporal Krause's behavior was insulting to the public office, violates her ethical responsibility, degrades the general public's opinion and further erodes the trust we are all trying to build after all the bad publicity a very small select law enforcement officers have exhibited around the country including the recent unfortunate events in Memphis.

Now and therefore, I am requesting an investigation into the facts and events that took place on January 21, 2023. I am aware that officers have a tendency to protect each other and cover for each other, however, all we are asking for is a thorough investigation including but not limited to Internal Affairs conducting an impartial investigation, interviewing witnesses and any and all corroborating evidence.

Please also send an acknowledgement and file number for this request upon receipt.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me at anytime.

Best Regards,

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