

Reopening Investigation I2023-008

From: ANDREW J VAN GUILDER (avanguilder@teamhcsso.com)

To: spaizes@yahoo.com

Date: Friday, May 2, 2025 at 09:53 AM EDT

Dear Mr. Paizes,

After a review of this administrative investigation, I2023-008, it has been determined by the Professional Standards Bureau, there will be no further investigation or reopening of the investigation. The administrative investigation was concluded and signed off by the Sheriff with the involved employee having completed the disciplinary process and received a Letter of Counsel.

I am attaching the original response letter sent by the Professional Standards Bureau with the findings of the administrative investigation, as requested.

Thank you for your concern in this matter,

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Re: Reopening Investigation into Deputy Desirae Krouse

From: State Certified Contractor (spaizes@yahoo.com)

To: avanguilder@teamhcsso.com

Date: Monday, March 31, 2025 at 12:23 PM EDT

Good day Detective Vanguilder,

Pursuant to our conversation earlier today, I am writing this email to take the opportunity to provide you with a brief summary of the incident and copies of the Circuit Court Order and Mandate invalidating the traffic citation issued by Deputy Desirae Krouse as it lacked competent, substantial evidence.

On January 21, 2023, I was driving myself, my wife, my elderly disabled mother in law and her 70 year old friend to the Tampa Aquarium for a birthday celebration. Outside the aquarium were several off duty Hillsborough County Deputies directing traffic and coordinating parking. I was directed by Deputy Ortiz to proceed to an area near where Deputy Krouse was standing. For no apparent reason Krouse became uncontrollably angry and aggressive, prompting me to tell her "there's no need to be rude." My statement triggered Krouse to become outright hostile and dangerous. She conducted a traffic stop that lasted nearly an hour where she illegally detained me and my passengers, assaulted me by spraying sputum in my face while screaming, threatening arrest and issuing a citation for failing to yield to a public transit vehicle. Several times during the incident I demanded Krouse turn on her body camera but, she refused.

Following the incident I filed a complaint with Hillsborough County Professional Standards (Internal Affairs), to which Krouse was found in violation of an unknown policy or code. I challenged the citation at a traffic court hearing held on March 28, 2023, which was video recorded. Krouse testified at the hearing and committed perjury making multiple allegations that were untrue in order to substantiate the bogus citation and illegal stop without probable cause. However, I had obtained video taped evidence of the incident taken from the the passing trolley. This video conclusively showed that all of the allegations brought by Krouse were untrue. To my utter disbelief the hearing officer upheld the citation without any regard for the undeniable evidence disproving the citation.

Fortunately the Circuit Court acting in its appellate capacity reviewed the video taped evidence, transcript and video of the hearing that resulted in a scathing court decision finding that the citation lacked competent, substantial evidence. The Circuit Court orders (attached) detailed how al, of Krouse's allegations were negated by the video evidence, and how Krouse provided testimony entirely inconsistent with the evidence.

On February 27, 2025, the traffic hearing officer, as directed by the Circuit Court, finally dismissed the citation vindicating me. It is now my position that the Circuit Court order on appeal creates a basis warranting re-opening the complaint I filed against Krouse to re-evaluate her misconduct, perjury at the traffic hearing and falsifying an official; state document (citation). I am in a unique situation where the entire incident was captured on video unbeknownst to Krouse. That video is the superior evidence in this case and paints an unequivocal picture of Krouse's dishonesty and abuse of authority and process.

Deputy Krouse is a danger to the citizens who have the unfortunately displeasure to encounter her and her threatening, dangerous and unprofessional behavior. A Circuit Court Judge's order corroborates and attests to the misconduct and dishonesty perpetrated by Krouse. I am confident, upon re-evaluating the incident and evidence you

will be compelled to take formal disciplinary action against Krouse, and to protect the other citizens she certain to abuse in the future.

Attached you will find:

Transcript of the hearing

Video tape evidence footage from trolley is located here:

<https://youtu.be/ksC1SqWjjsU?si=s0ixUmWX1G7TiJIN>

Video tape of traffic county hearing:

https://youtu.be/IdPKpCMWIkQ?si=Chvw9ZRe020_L-rp

Circuit Court decision (attached)

Circuit Court Mandate (attached)

Traffic court hearing officers order of dismissal. (attached)

Best Regards,

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Reopening Investigation into Deputy Desirae Krouse ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

From: State Certified Contractor (spaizes@yahoo.com)

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Date: Monday, March 31, 2025 at 12:30 PM EDT

Good day, here are the attached documents that apparently did not attach.

Best Regards,

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