



## **BLUE TEAM ACTION REPORT**

### **GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT Gainesville, FL**

<b>Date OPENED</b>	<b>April 19, 2023</b>	<b>FILE NUMBER</b>	<b>23-015</b>
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<b>DATE TO IA</b>	<b>September 22, 2023</b>
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<b>EMPLOYEE(S) INVOLVED</b>				
<b>Officer Name</b>	<b>ID #</b>	<b>Assignment Bureau, Position/Rank (ex: OPS, OFC)</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Sex</b>
Erin Armstrong	1153	Operations / Officer	W	F

#### **SUMMARY**

On Monday, May 1st, 2023 I was assigned an internal affairs investigation number IA 23-015 by Lt. T. Durst. My current assignment is the shift commander of Bravo Midnight Shift.

The incident occurred on 9/8/22. At that time Ofc. Henry was a trainee on Bravo Evening shift under the supervision of FTO J. Allen and A/Sgt. Houston.

#### **Document Review:**

I reviewed the following documents:

- Original report submitted by Ofc. Henry
- Complaint by Robinson
- ASO Property Report
- The CAD call notes
- Receipt of Complaint

**Allegation:** -Missing personal items (bicycle, knife & multi-tool)

**Video Review:** I reviewed the body cameras from Ofc. Henry, Ofc. J. Allen, Ofc. E. Armstrong & Ofc. Miller.

Ofc. Miller states via BWC that the bicycle will be transported to GPD. Ofc. Armstrong states she's going to throw the knife/utility tool somewhere else.

Ofc. J. Allen & Ofc. Henry were not involved with the disposition of the bicycle/knife/utility tool.

**Interviews:**

**Interview with Timothy Robinson:**

-I attempted to speak with the complainant multiple times via phone on 5/10, 5/25 & 5/27 at the phone numbers listed on the complaint: 352-415-5677 & 352-340-1346. I left voicemails each time but was unable to make contact.

-I sent an email to the email address listed on the complaint but received an error message (message could not be delivered).

-I drove to the address listed on the complaint (3400 SW 13th ST) but was unable to locate the complainant. The physical address is a wooded area in between Stayable Select and ChopStix. I was unable to locate a homeless camp in the area.

-On 6/6 & 6/15 I received a voicemail from Robinson. He advised he was out of town but recently returned. I've attempted to call him back but have been unable to make contact.

**Interview with Ofc. Miller**

I spoke with Ofc. Miller. He recalled the incident and advised that the bicycle was locked to a fence at the complainants campsite which was close to the original stop (behind Target). I asked Ofc. Miller to respond back to that location to attempt to locate the bicycle. When he arrived, he stated that the bicycle was gone and that the area was no longer a construction site.

The incident report by Ofc. Henry states that the bicycle was placed into GPD Prisoner Property. However, the bicycle was never collected/transported/submitted to the GPD Property & Evidence Section. The bicycle was secured on scene which is normal practice for patrol officers. Bicycles are large and bulky and typically do not fit into an officers patrol vehicle. Midnight shift does not have a bicycle rack attached to any of the patrol vehicles. This information was never shared with the original officer or Robinson.

Per GO 84.1 prisoner property is any non-evidentiary item that is collected while performing a Department or police function. The knife and multi-tool found inside Robinson's backpack is considered a weapon and would not be allowed into ASO DOJ. Instead of submitting the item as prisoner property or leaving it at the campsite, the items are discarded by Ofc. Armstrong.

Corrective Action: On 6/9/2023 I spoke with Ofc. Miller for training purposes. I reviewed 84.1 with Ofc. Miller. I explained the importance of communication and the confusion created by his statements on BWC vs his actions. I further explained how the report contradicted his statements to Robinson. Ofc. Miller's vehicle was not equipped with a bicycle rack and he was able to find a location to secure the bicycle. Due to the time-lapse (Robinson's detention) the bicycle was no longer available upon his release.

On 9/13/2023 I reviewed 84.1 & 71.1 with Ofc. Armstrong for training purposes. Any personal item collected during a police function must be placed into Property & Evidence, turned over to a friend/relative or left somewhere with the owner's permission. The knife & utility tool were discarded without speaking with Robinson.

Ofc. J. Allen & Ofc. Henry were not involved with the disposition of his personal belongings.

I have been unable to make contact with Robinson to advise him of the findings.

This concludes the investigation. No further action needed in this matter.

**PERSON COMPLETING REVIEW: Lieutenant S. Shipman #830**

**FINDINGS: Improper handling of prisoner property – SUSTAINED**

ACTION: Verbal Counseling / Training

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