

ALACHUA



COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Clovis Watson, Jr. - Department of the Jail
3333 NE 39th Avenue • Gainesville, FL 32609

October 28, 2021

Mr. John H. Waaser
6126 SW 52nd Terrace
Lake Butler, FL 32054-5308

RE: ACSO Administrative Inquiry 21-AI-67

Dear Mr. Waaser:

Captain R. Butscher of the Patrol Operations Division has completed an inquiry into the allegation of Performance of Duty you filed against Deputy Sheriff F. Atilas-Balbas and Deputy Sheriff P. Purington. Based upon information provided by you, and a review of available related agency records and court documentation, an adjudication of **EXONERATED** has been rendered.

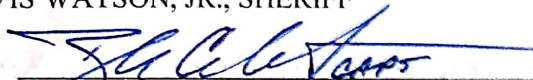
The finding of exonerated means the act or acts did occur, but were justified, lawful and proper. A copy of the administrative inquiry is attached to this letter.

If you have any questions regarding the findings, please contact Captain R. Butscher at 352-367-4101. This matter is considered closed.

Sincerely,

CLOVIS WATSON, JR., SHERIFF

By:


Captain Brandon C. Kutner, Chief Inspector
Office of Professional Standards

BCK/kda

Attachments: Administrative Inquiry 21-AI-67

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August 23, 2021

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Captain Brandon Kutner *BCU*
Office of Professional Standards

FROM: Captain Rebecca Butscher *RB*
Patrol Operations Division

VIA: Chain of Command

RE: 21-AI-67

On August 23, 2021, I received an email complaint from the ASO agency website against Deputies Patrick Purington and Frank Atilas-Balbas in reference to ASO19OFF004856. Deputy Atilas-Balbas initiated a traffic stop on May 25, 2019 for a traffic violation which lead to a DUI investigation and subsequent arrest of the driver, Mr. John Waaser. Deputy Patrick Purington arrived as back up and based on his extensive DUI background, took over the investigation.

I have read the report, DUI packet and subsequent breath test affidavit where Mr. John Waaser provided breath samples of 0.125 and 0.120 g/210L and find that this investigation was handled thoroughly and professionally. Mr. Waaser's exhaustive complaint was extensive and dealt more with his opinions other than the facts of the case which were documented in the report.

On July 29, 2021, Mr. John Waaser was found guilty of DUI at the conclusion of his trial, 01-2019-CT-000889-A. Based on all of the listed information, I find no basis for this complaint nor any wrongdoing on behalf of Deputies Atilas-Balbas or Purington.

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