

# PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

OBTS #			1. Arrest Affidavit 2. Notice to Appear	3. Complaint Affidavit 4. Request for Capias 5. Teen Court Referral	4	Juvenile	N
ORI #	FL0200800	Office of Inspector General - DC			Report #	19-13467	
Location of Offense					Date of Offense		Date of Arrest
Jefferson Correctional Institution 1050 Old Joe Rd, Monticello, FL 32344					7/20/2019 and 8/7/2019		
Name: Ernest Loren Sweat (Florida Driver License # [REDACTED])						Alias: N/A	
Race W - White B - Black	I - Indian American O - Oriental Asian	W	Sex M	DOB or Age [REDACTED]	Height 5'7"	Weight 165	Eye Color Brown
						Hair Color Brown/ bald	Complexion White
							Build Medium
Address (Street, Apt, Number)					(City)	(State)	Phone
[REDACTED]					[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Parent <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Legal Custodian <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Other		Name of Parent or Custodian (Last, First, Middle)					Residence Phone ( ) -
Address (Street, Apt, Number)					(City)	(State)	Business Phone ( ) -
Notified By: (Name)			Date	Time	Juvenile Disposition 1. Handled / Processed within Dept and Released 2. Turned over to DOH/C&F 3. Incarcerated (County Jail)		
Released to: (Name)			Relationship		Date	Time	
Activity:	S Sell N N/A P Posses	R Smuggle D Deliver E Use	K Dispense / Distribute	M Manufacture / Produce / Cultivate	Z Other	Type:	B Barbiturate C Cocaine E Heroine H Hallucinogen M Marijuana O Opium / Deriv P Paraphernalia / Equipment S Synthetic U Unknown Z Other
Charge Description: Malicious Battery		Counts 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord	State Violation Number: 944.35			Violation of Section (ORD)
Activity N	Drug Type	Amount / Unit		State Attorney Number 850-342-0196		Court Number 19-137 CPA	
<input type="checkbox"/> PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capias	<input type="checkbox"/> AC	<input type="checkbox"/> BW	<input type="checkbox"/> PW	<input type="checkbox"/> Juv. PU	<input type="checkbox"/> Citation	Date Issued # Writt. Att. # <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Viol Inj. <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Arrest
Charge Description Perjury not in Official Proceedings		Counts 1		State Violation Number: 837.012			Violation of Section (ORD)
Activity N	Drug Type	Amount / Unit		State Attorney Number		Court Number	
<input type="checkbox"/> PC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capias	<input type="checkbox"/> AC	<input type="checkbox"/> BW	<input type="checkbox"/> PW	<input type="checkbox"/> Juv. PU	<input type="checkbox"/> Citation	Date Issued # Writt. Att. # <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Viol Inj. <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Arrest
The Undersigned Certifies and swears that he has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named Defendant committed the following Violation of the law: Violation of Authorized Use of Force and Perjury in Official Proceeding on 7/20/2019 (exact time unknown), and on 8/7/2019 at 1:00 PM <input type="checkbox"/> AM. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM (Specially include facts constituting cause for arrest)							

Your Affiant is Senior Law Enforcement Inspector Ryan Muse with the Office of Inspector General - DC.

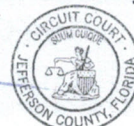
On July 20, 2019, at Jefferson Correctional Institution (JCI) in Monticello, Florida, the above-named defendant; Sergeant Ernest Sweat, knowingly and with intent, committed the criminal offense(s) of:

1.) Violation of Authorized Use of Force by a Correctional Officer on an Inmate (Malicious Battery); when Sergeant Ernest Sweat physically battered Inmate [REDACTED] by striking him in the chest area with two extended arms. Inmate [REDACTED] was escorted from the confinement housing unit to confinement recreation cells located behind the building by Sergeant Ernest Sweat, and Officers Thomas Williams and Devin Screen. Inmate [REDACTED] and Sergeant Sweat were arguing during the escort, when Sergeant Sweat placed Inmate [REDACTED] into recreation cell number 3, left the cell door unsecured, and removed Inmate [REDACTED] restraints. Sergeant Sweat removed his uniform shirt/top and equipment belt. Sergeant Sweat entered the recreation cell and attempted to initiate/ goad Inmate [REDACTED] into a physical confrontation. When Inmate [REDACTED] would not physically respond to Sergeant Sweat, he walked to Inmate [REDACTED] and struck him in the chest area with his arms extended with two open hands (thereby pushing Inmate [REDACTED] backwards). Inmate [REDACTED] was neither combative, nor attempting to harm Sergeant Sweat (whose actions were not in self- defense). Sergeant Sweat's actions were witnessed by both Officers Thomas Williams and Officer Devin Screen who both provided sworn statements detailing Sergeant Sweat, striking Inmate [REDACTED]

2.) Perjury not in an Official Proceeding(s) when: Inspector(s) afforded Sergeant Sweat multiple opportunities to alter/recant his testimony during a sworn recorded interview concerning this investigation. This also being after Senior Inspector Muse presented Sergeant Sweat with the evidence found; to include providing him knowledge there was sworn testimony from independent witnesses to him striking Inmate [REDACTED]

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JEFFERSON COUNTY FLORIDA

BY R. Muse .D.C.





On August 7, 2019, Sergeant Sweat provided a sworn post – Miranda recorded statement; where he denied ever touching, striking, pushing, or shoving Inmate [REDACTED] Sergeant Sweat knowingly and with intent; gave false statements while under oath during an official proceeding (a criminal investigation) to conceal his direct involvement in the commission a crime and/or Florida Department of Corrections policy.

Your affiant respectfully submits, probable cause has been established in that, Sergeant Sweat committed the criminal violation(s) of; 1.) Violation of Authorized Use of Force by a Correctional Officer on an Inmate, in violation of §944.35(3)(a)(1) Florida State Statute, and 2.) Perjury not in Official Proceedings in violation of §837.012 Florida State Statute in Monticello, Florida.

PC. Exists for Charge(s) <b>YES</b>		Judge's Signature <i>Robert R. Muse</i>		Date <b>8/14/19</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Miranda Warning	Hold for Agency Name:	Verified By:	Date: <b>8/14/19</b>	Bond Charge # <b>3,500.00</b>	Bond Charge # <b>2,500.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Adults Only <input type="checkbox"/> Hold for First Appearance <input type="checkbox"/> Do not Bond Out Reason:			Bond Type 1. ROR 2. Cash	3. Surety 4. Bail / Bond	5. Cert 6. Other
I swear/Affirm the above and attached statements are true and correct		Sworn to And subscribed before me, the undersigned authority, this <b>14</b> day of <b>August</b> , 20 <b>19</b>		Returnable Court Date	
<i>Ryan C. Muse</i> Officer's / Complainant's Signature		<i>Robert R. Muse</i> Name/Title of Person Authorized to Administer Oath		Returnable Court Time <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	
Ryan C. Muse Name (Printed)		15239 / 3 ID# / Dist		Release Date	
(personally known)		Candy E. [unclear]		Release Time <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	
Releasing Officer				Page 1 of 1	