

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

OBTS #		1. Arrest Affidavit 3. Complaint Affidavit 2. Notice to Appear 4. Request for Capias 5. Teen Court Referral	3	Juvenile	N
ORI #	FL037275C	Office of Inspector General - FDC	Report #	20-16443	
Location of Offense Suwannee Correctional Institution 5964 US Highway 90, Live Oak FL 32060			Date of Offense 09/19/2019	Date of Arrest	
Name: Scott Edward Johns					
Race W - White B - Black	I - Indian American O - Oriental Asian	W	Sex M	DOB or Age [REDACTED]	Height 6'01"
				Weight 250	Eye Color Bro
					Hair Color BRO
					Complexion MED
					Build MED
Address (Street, Apt, Number) LKA: [REDACTED]			(City) [REDACTED]	(State) [REDACTED]	Phone () -
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Parent <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Legal Custodian <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Other			Name of Parent or Custodian (Last, First, Middle)		
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: N. N/A P. Posses	S. Sell B. Buy T. Traffic	R. Smuggle D. Deliver E. Use	K. Dispense / Distribute	M. Manufacture / Produce / Cultivate	Z. Other
Type: N. N/A A. Amphetamine	B. Barbiturate C. Cocaine E. Heroine	H. Hallucinogen M. Marijuana O. Opium / Deriv	P. Paraphernalia / Equipment	S. Synthetic	U. Unknown Z. Other
Charge Description Abuse of a Disabled Adult			Counts 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord	State Violation Number: 825.102 (1)(b)
Violation of Section (ORD)					
Activity N	Type N	Amount / Unit		State Attorney Number	Court Number
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PC #	<input 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. #
Charge Description Harassing a Witness			Counts 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord	State Violation Number: 914.22 (1)(a)
Violation of Section (ORD)					
Activity N	Drug Type N	Amount / Unit		State Attorney Number	Court Number
<input type="checkbox"/> PC #	<input 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. #
Charge Description			Counts 1	<input type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord	State Violation Number:
Violation of Section (ORD)					
Activity	Drug Type	Amount / Unit		State Attorney Number	Court Number
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The Undersigned Certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above-named Defendant committed the following Violation of the law: On the 19 th day of September 2020, at 08:30 <input type="checkbox"/> AM. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM (Specially include facts constituting cause for arrest)					

Your Affiant is Law Enforcement Inspector Heather Whitfield with the Office of Inspector General for the Florida Department of Corrections, and the defendant is Officer Scott Johns (*Officer Johns*) who is currently a certified FDC Correctional Employee assigned at Suwannee Correctional Institution (*SWCI*). Your Affiant has investigated an Abuse of a Disabled Adult case where Officer Johns, without provocation, battered Inmate [REDACTED] (*Inmate [REDACTED]* DC# [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED]

Your Affiant secured witness testimony that details the following: Officer Johns approached the [REDACTED] cell that housed Inmate [REDACTED] and punched Inmate [REDACTED] in the head through the door flap. Inmate [REDACTED] was laying on a mattress against the cell door, directly under the open-door flap. Officer Johns struck Inmate [REDACTED] without provocation. The witness testimony also details that Inmate [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]


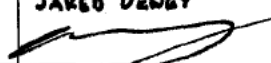
Inmate [REDACTED] testimony also corroborated the witness's account of the event. The fixed wing video in this incident was secured. The video does not show the altercation directly, due to where the event took place; however, the video clearly shows Officer Johns [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] camera view. At the same moment Officer Johns is [REDACTED], the witness is in [REDACTED] with a direct line of sight to the cell, and the witness can be seen reacting to something, and moving away from the area where Officer Johns and Inmate [REDACTED] were located.

Officer Johns later confronted the witness in the [REDACTED] after being reassigned. Officer Johns was in the [REDACTED] apart from his assigned duties, and he waited until the witness was alone before confronting the witness. Testimony from the on-duty officer working the [REDACTED] confirms that Officer Johns had no official reason to be present in the [REDACTED]. The witness testified that during the confrontation, Officer Johns stated,

"I know it appeared that I punched that inmate, but I was just playing around." Officer Johns then stated to the witness, "You went too far, you'll see." The witness felt intimidated due to being approached, and from Officer Johns' statements. There is video evidence of Officer Johns at the office door inside the [REDACTED] that supports the testimony by the on-duty officer and witness.

Your Affiant respectfully submits probable cause has been established indicating Officer Scott Johns did commit the crimes of Abuse of a Disabled Adult in violation of F.S. 825.102 (1)(b) and Harassing a Witness in violation of F.S. 914.22 (1)(a), in Suwannee Correctional Institution, Suwannee County, Florida, on September 19, 2020.

All supporting documents referred to in this affidavit will be available for judicial review and will be further explained in your Affiant's report of investigation.

PC. Exists for Charge(s)		Judge's Signature	Date			
<input type="checkbox"/> Miranda Warning	Hold for Agency Name:	Verified By:	Date:	Bond Charge #	Bond Charge #	Bond Charge #
<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	Type Type Type
I swear/Afirm the above and attached statements are true and correct		Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority this <u>7</u> day of <u>DEC</u> 20 <u>20</u>	Returnable Court Date	Returnable Court Time <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM		
 Inspector's / Complainant's Signature Heather Whitfield Name (Printed)		Name/Title of Person Authorized to Administer Oath SENIOR INSPECTOR JARED DENBY  ID# / Dist	Release Date	Release Time <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM		
			Releasing Officer	Page 2 of 2		