



Arrest Report

ST JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE
4015 LEWIS SPEEDWAY
ST. AUGUSTINE, FL

Report Date / Time 5/19/2023 10:21 PM	Report Number SJSOCHG0046405S	Case Number/Cad Number SJSO23OFF005420 / SJSO23CAD123353	Reporting Officer Name NEWMAN, JOHN
Originating Agency ORI FL0550000	Occur Date Time Range 05/19/2023 09:08:00 - 05/19/2023 21:08:00	Jurisdiction	
OBTs Number	Other Number	Clearance	

Location of Occurrence

County ST. JOHNS	Location Type BUSINESS	Location Description SUPER 8 (904) 584-9949			
Street Number 2550	Street SR 16	Apt/Lot/Bldg	City SAINT AUGUSTINE	State FL	Zip Code 32092

Suspect

First Name VERGILIO	Middle Name	Last Name AGUILAR MENDEZ	Suffix	Race WHITE	Sex MALE	Height 5'02"	Weight 130	Hair BLACK	Eyes BROWN
MNI #	SSN	Date of Birth 01/05/2005	Age 18	ID Type	Drivers License or other ID	State GT	OCA / Agency ID		
Place of Birth:	GUATEMALA								
Address * / UNKNOWN , , /									

Arrest

Arrest Date/Time 5/19/2023 10:21:01 PM	Arrest Location Type BUSINESS	Arrest Location Description SUPER 8 MOTEL				
Street Number 2550	Street SR 16	Apt/Lot/Bldg	County ST. JOHNS	City SAINT AUGUSTINE	State FL	Zip Code 32092

Charge :

Counts 1	Charge 843.01	Bond Amount \$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> No Bond
Charge Degree T	Charge Level FELONY		
General Offense Code COMMITTED	Arrest Offense Code RESIST OFFICER		
Charge Description WITH VIOLENCE			
Administrative Code - Description -			

Charge :

Counts 1	Charge 782.04.1a2p	Bond Amount \$0.00	<input type="checkbox"/> No Bond
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Charge Degree C	Charge Level FELONY
General Offense Code COMMITTED	Arrest Offense Code HOMICIDE

Charge Description
MURDER WHILE ENGAGED IN RESIST OFFICER W VIOL

Administrative Code - Description
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Probable Cause

The undersigned certifies and swears that there is probable cause to believe the above-named defendant, who identified himself as Vergilio Aguilar Mendez (Illegal Alien. No identifying documents), on the 19th day of May, 2023 , at approximately 9:11 A.M. P.M. at 2550 SR 16 within St. Johns County, violated the law and did then and there:

F.S.S. 843.01 ~ Resisting officer with violence to his or her person
F.S.S. 782.04.1a2p ~ Felony murder

On the above date and time, Sergeant Michael Kunovich made contact with the defendant due to what he believed to be suspicious behavior. The defendant was observed in the parking lot of the Super 8 Motel. Based on footage reviewed from Sergeant Kunovich's body worn camera and the defendant's post-miranda statements, once the defendant noticed Sergeant Kunovich's patrol vehicle approaching, he started to walk away from the area. Upon making contact with the defendant, Sergeant Kunovich attempted to pat down the defendant to check for weapons; however, the defendant resisted by pulling away from him and attempting to flee. The defendant told Sergeant Kunovich, he did not speak english. A struggle ensued as the defendant continually ignored loud verbal commands given by Sergeant Kunovich. Subsequent to Sergeant Kunovich, Deputy Gavin Higgins arrived to assist; however, the defendant continued resisting. Sergeant Kunovich depolyed his taser at least three times and the defendant continued to resist. While fighting on the ground with Sergeant Kunovich and other deputies, the defendant grabbed Sergeant Kunovich's taser in an attempt to gain control of the weapon. After gaining control of and placing the defendant in handcuffs, he armed himself with a folding pocket knife, which he retrieved from his shorts pockets. Deputies gave loud verbal commands to drop the knife, which were ignored and the knife had to be forcefully removed from the defendant's hands.

Moments after the defendant was disarmed, Sergeant Kunovich collapsed on scene. St. Johns County Fire Rescue administered medical treatment on scene and transported him to Flagler Hospital; however, he was pronounced deceased shortly after transport.

The defendant provided a post-miranda statement and admitted he was resisting officers due to a fear of being deported. The defendant admitted he understood the verbal commands he was given, but chose not to comply in an attempt to escape. The defendant also admitted he grabbed Sergeant Kunovich's taser during the struggle and armed himself with a folding pocket knife once secured in

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handcuffs.

Based on body worn camera footage, deputies statements, and the defendant's post-miranda statements, probable cause has been established to arrest the defedant for the above listed charges.

Citation No. N/A

Domestic Violence:

Probation: Yes No If yes, Location: _____ Sexual Predator: Yes No

English: Yes No Spanish Deaf/Mute: Yes No

Attachments, Statements: Traffic Citations: DUI:

Jail Booking Facility

Booking Date/Time	Booking County ST. JOHNS	Booking Facility ST. JOHNS COUNTY JAIL	Booking Facility Phone 904-824-8304
Booking Facility Location 3955 LEWIS SPEEDWAY ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32084			Booking Number 23-2579
Booking Comments OBTS # 5504041305			

Court

Court County ST. JOHNS	Court Location 4010 LEWIS SPEEDWAY ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32084		
Court ST JOHNS CIRCUIT COURT	Court Phone	Court Appereance Date / Time	Court Fine
Comments			

Officer Name Rank / ID # NEWMAN, JOHN LE DEPUTY 10837	Involvement On Report / Reporting Role REPORTING OFFICER	Officer Agency Org/Unit ST JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE SJSO\INVEST\MAJOR CRIMES UNIT
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The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe that the above named Defendant, committed violation(s), of law, on the below date(s) and time(s), as listed in the probable cause associated with this report:

Reporting Officer

Officer Name NEWMAN, JOHN	Office Rank LE DEPUTY	Officer ID No 10837	Sworn and subscribed before me, the undersigned authority This the <u>20th</u> day of <u>MAY</u> , <u>2023</u> DEPUTY OF THE COURT, NOTARY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT <i>Sgt. [Signature] 2895</i>
Officer Agency ST JOHNS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE			
Officer Signature <i>[Signature]</i>			

<input type="radio"/> No Bill / Petition	<input type="radio"/> Issue Warrant	<input type="radio"/> Prosecution Approved	_____ Signature of Assistant State Attorney	_____ Date
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