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## Internal Affairs Investigation 2015-04

Sworn Employee  
Deputy Jonathan Kuleski

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### *Investigative Report*



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**Internal Affairs Investigation**  
2015-04

**Subject Employee**

- Deputy Jonathan Kuleski

**Division**

- Neighborhood Services Division/Patrol

**Date of Hire**

- 8/20/14

**Probation Status**

- New Hire Probation

**Date of Most Recent Promotion**

- None

**Previous Corrective Measures**

- None

**List of Witnesses**

- Deputy James Dopp

**List of Exhibits**

1. Memorandum from Sergeant David Williams to Commander Paul Bovino
2. Memorandum from Sr. Commander Steve Cole to Chief Deputy Jeff Hoffman
3. Employee Notice of Internal Investigation
4. Internal Investigation Confidentiality Acknowledgement Forms from Deputy James Dopp and from Deputy Jonathan Kuleski
5. Incident Report # 2015-38475



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6. Garrity Notice
7. Interview with Deputy James Dopp
8. Interview with Deputy Jonathan Kuleski

## The Incident and Complaint

On Friday 4/10/2015 at 11:33PM Flagler County Sheriff's Office patrol units responded to a noise complaint near Wood Acre Ln and Wood Aspen Ln. See **Exhibit 5** Incident Report # 2015-38475.

The noise was reportedly coming from a party in the woods.

This incident involved multiple subjects, some underage who were consuming alcohol. One of the subjects at the party was Flagler County Sheriff's Office off duty deputy, Jonathan Kuleski.

The reporting Deputy, James Dopp, stated in his report that all subjects supplied their own alcohol. Deputy James Dopp also stated that off duty Deputy Jonathan Kuleski had no knowledge that he was on private party and said he was invited there by a friend. Deputy Jonathan Kuleski and the female friend he was with were both of age to consume alcohol. There was no known alcohol purchased or given to minors by off duty Deputy Jonathan Kuleski per the report.

All subjects were cooperative and left the area without incident. Sergeant David Williams also arrived on scene. A Memorandum was sent to Commander Paul Bovino from Sergeant David Williams documenting the incident and to inform him of off duty deputy Jonathan Kuleski's presence at the incident. See **Exhibit 1** Memorandum from Sergeant David Williams to Commander Paul Bovino.

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Note that Deputy Jonathan Kuleski was on New Hire Probationary status at the time.

## The Investigation

On 4/13/15 Commander Steve Cole advised Chief Deputy Jeff Hoffman of the off duty incident involving Deputy Jonathan Kuleski via memorandum. See **Exhibit 2** Memorandum from Sr. Commander Steve Cole to Chief Deputy Jeff Hoffman.

FCSO Deputy Chief Jeff Hoffman requested that Cpl. Kim Davis conduct an internal investigation into this matter.

All the exhibits and below interviews to include the Axon (body camera) video's uploaded by Deputy James Dopp and Deputy Nancy Malheiros were reviewed. This investigation is **unfounded** for any FCSO General Order violations.



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## Statement from Deputy James Dopp

On 6/11/15 Deputy James Dopp provided a sworn recorded witness statement to Cpl. Kim Davis while at the FCSO HR Annex. See **Exhibit 7** Interview with Deputy James Dopp.

Deputy James Dopp stated he responded to the wooded area in question in reference to a noise complaint. Upon making contact with the individuals on scene he learned that they were having a party. There were several people under the age of 21 who were consuming alcohol. He said off duty deputy Jonathan Kuleski was at the party. Deputy James Dopp said that off duty deputy Jonathan Kuleski was of age to consume alcohol and that his demeanor was very respectful. He said that off duty deputy Jonathan Kuleski didn't appear to be intoxicated.

Deputy James Dopp said that a male by the name of Dalton Edwards arranged the party and told him that Deputy Jonathan Kuleski had no involvement in the planning of it.

Deputy James Dopp said from the information that was gathered on scene, it was a bring your own drink type of party. There was no mention of anyone supplying the underage individuals with alcohol. They had brought their own drinks to consume.

Deputy James Dopp reiterated that off duty deputy Jonathan Kuleski was more than cooperative with the deputies on scene.

## Statement from Deputy Jonathan Kuleski

On 6/19/15 Deputy Jonathan Kuleski provided a sworn post Garrity statement to Cpl. Kim Davis while in the presence of FCSO Attorney Sid Nowell and PBA Attorney Greg Forhan while at the FCSO HR Annex.

In reference to FCSO Case # 2015-38475, Deputy Kuleski said the party in question was arranged by a friend Dalton Edwards and that he was invited by another friend of his named Andre Rich. He said he believed the area to be owned by Andre Rich and some his friends. He said he did not know that the party was on private property.

Deputy Jonathan Kuleski said he didn't know any of the other individuals at the party and did not know at the time that they were under the age of 21. He said that he did not provide anyone with alcohol.





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## Discussion

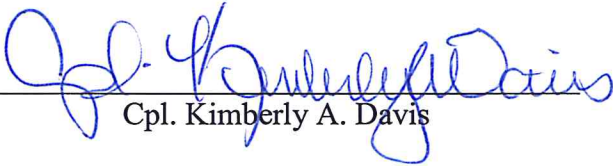
The results of the investigation reveal the following:

- Deputy Jonathan Kuleski was off duty the night of the incident.
- According to Deputy James Dopp's statement and Sgt. David Williams Memorandum, Deputy Jonathan Kuleski was more than cooperative while the deputies on scene were conducting their investigation.
- Deputy Jonathan Kuleski stated he had no knowledge that the property in question was private. His sworn statement was that he believed the land was owned by his friend Andre Rich.
- Deputy Jonathan Kuleski did not supply any of the individuals at the party with an alcoholic beverage. His sworn statement is that he did not know any of the other individuals at the party besides his female friend who was over the age of 21, Dalton Edwards, and Andre Rich.

## Findings

This investigation is unfounded.

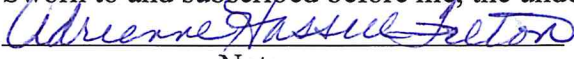
"I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that, to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive, the subject of the investigation of any rights contained in ss.112.532 and 112.533, Florida Statutes.

  
Cpl. Kimberly A. Davis

6/28/15  
Date



Sworn to and subscribed before me, the undersigned, this 25 of June, 2015

  
Notary

  
Reviewing Supervisor

6/25/15  
Date



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