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Incident Number # : 2022008599

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#### Manatee County Sheriff's Office

#### **Incident Sheet**

ORI: FL0410000

Printed Date: 05/04/2022 15:35

Incident Information			
Incident # : 2	2022008599	Reported Date :	04/20/2022 20:09
Investigating Officer :		Reporting Officer :	GARCIA, LEONEL
Occured From : (	04/20/2022 17:30 WED	Location :	134 GREYHAWK BLVD BRADENTON, 34212
Occured To: 0	04/20/2022 17:36 WED		
Incident Details			
Case Status :		Disposition :	OPEN
Status Date :		Disposition Date :	04/21/2022 00:30
Record Date :			
Remarks :			

Associated Name Summary			
FULL NAME	TYPE	INVOLVEMENT	DOB
FERRONYALKA, CARLEEN ANNA	INDIVIDUAL	INVOLVED OTHER	12/10/1993
KRUSE, GEORGE WILLIAM	INDIVIDUAL	SUSPECT	09/22/1975
KRUSE, JESSICA LYNN	INDIVIDUAL	INVOLVED OTHER	03/08/1981
RIOUX, STEPHEN MICHAEL	INDIVIDUAL	WITNESS	10/02/1964
SOCIETY	SOCIETY/PUBLIC	VICTIM	
SWANGER, CHRIS	INDIVIDUAL	INVOLVED OTHER	06/12/1971
WULCZAK, WALTER	INDIVIDUAL	INVOLVED OTHER	03/01/1954

	Offense Inform	nation	
Offense Code :	<95064-950-950> PUBLIC TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	Location : HIGHWAY/ROADWAY	
Primary Offense :		Attempt : COMMITTED	
Offense Information :			
Offense Code :	<316.193-1-90D-90D> DUI ALCOHOL OR DRUGS	Location : HIGHWAY/ROADWAY	
Primary Offense :		Attempt : COMMITTED	
	Incident N	ame	
Incident/Name Info :			
Involvement :	SUSPECT		

Name Information			
Name Unknown :		Home Address :	12806 DAISY PL, BRADENTON, FL, 34212
Last Name :	KRUSE	Mailing Address :	
First Name :	GEORGE	Home Phone :	
Middle Name :	WILLIAM	Work Phone :	
Suffix :		Other Phone :	
Name Type :	INDIVIDUAL	Cell Phone :	
	WHITE	Email :	
_	NON-HISPANIC	Secondary Email :	
Gender :	MALE	Secondary Email : State ID :	
DOB :	09/22/1975		
Age :	46 to	Eye Color :	
Driver's License # :	K620319753420	Hair Color :	
Driver's License	09/22/2029	Glasses :	
Expiration Date :		Height :	5'11" to
Driver's License State :		Weight :	to
Driver's License Class :		Juvenile :	
SSN :		Date Issued :	
Passport # :			
Country Of Issuance :		Passport Expiration Date :	
Related Offenses :			
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	<316.193-1-90D-90D> DUI ALCOHOL OR E	DRUGS	
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Incident/Name Info	:		
Involvement :	INVOLVED OTHER		
Name Information	:		
Name Unknown :		Home Address :	12806 DAISY PL, BRADENTON, FL, 34212
Last Name :	KRUSE	Mailing Address :	
First Name :	JESSICA	Home Phone :	
Middle Name :	LYNN	Work Phone :	
Suffix :			
Name Type :	INDIVIDUAL	Other Phone :	
Race :	WHITE	Cell Phone :	
Ethnicity :	NON-HISPANIC	Email :	
Gender :	FEMALE	Secondary Email :	
1	03/08/1981	State ID :	

Age :	41 to	Eye Color :	BROWN
Driver's License # :	K620-432-81-588-0	Hair Color :	BROWN
Driver's License	03/08/2029	Glasses :	NONE
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Driver's License Class :		Weight :	to
SSN :		Juvenile :	
Passport # :		Date Issued :	
Country Of Issuance :		Passport Expiration Date :	
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Incident/Name Info			
Involvement :	VICTIM		
Name Information :	:		
Name Unknown :		Home Address :	600 US 301 #STE 202, SOUTH COUNTY, FL
Last Name : First Name :	SOCIETY	Mailing Address :	600 301 BLVD W #202, BRADENTON, FL, 34205
Middle Name :		Home Phone :	
Suffix :		Work Phone :	
Name Type :	SOCIETY/PUBLIC	Other Phone :	
Race :		Cell Phone :	
Ethnicity :		Email :	
Gender :		Secondary Email :	
DOB :		State ID :	
Age :	to	Eye Color :	
Driver's License # :		Hair Color :	
Driver's License Expiration Date :		Glasses :	
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Driver's License Class :		Juvenile :	
SSN :		Date Issued :	
Passport # :			
Country Of Issuance :		Passport Expiration Date :	
Related Offenses :			
	<95064-950-950> PUBLIC TRAFF	IC ACCIDENTS	
	<316.193-1-90D-90D> DUI ALCOHOL OR DRUGS		

#### **Relationship with Suspects :**

Suspect Name		Relationship	Living Together
Victim Information	•		
Victim Injury Category :	•	Circumstance :	
Weapon Causing Most		Additional Circumstance :	
Injuries :		Additional Circumstance .	
Victim Injury :		Domestic Disturbance :	
Victim Injury 2 :		Domestic Violence	
Victim Injury 3 :		Victim Transported :	
Victim Injury 4 :		Order of Protection	
		Violated :	
Victim Injury 5 :			
		Incident Name	
Incident/Name Info	:		
Involvement :	INVOLVED OTHER		
Name Information :			
Name Unknown :		Home Address :	6213 114TH AVE E, PARRISH, FL, 34219
Last Name :	FERRONYALKA	Mailing Address :	
First Name :		Home Phone :	(941) 920-3724
Middle Name :	ANNA	Work Phone :	(941) 747-0647
Suffix :		Other Phone :	
Name Type :		Cell Phone :	(941) 228-6084
	WHITE	Email :	
	NON-HISPANIC	Secondary Email :	
Gender :		State ID :	
	12/10/1993	Eye Color :	BROWN
Age :		Hair Color :	
Driver's License # :	F654101939500	Glasses :	
Driver's License Expiration Date :	12/10/2025	Height :	
Driver's License State :	FLORIDA	Weight :	
Driver's License Class :		Juvenile :	
SSN :		Date Issued :	
Passport # :			
Country Of Issuance :		Passport Expiration Date :	

**Incident Name** 

Ethnicity: NON-HISPANIC

**DOB:** 10/02/1964

to

Gender : MALE

Age: 57

ncident/Name Info	):		
Involvement :	INVOLVED OTHER		
Name Information :	:		
Name Unknown :		Home Address :	510 CHANTILLY TRL, BRADENTON, FL, 34212
Last Name :		Mailing Address :	
First Name :			: (860) 324-2939
Middle Name :		Work Phone :	· ·
Suffix :		Other Phone :	
Name Type :	: INDIVIDUAL	Cell Phone :	
Race :	: WHITE		
Ethnicity :	UNKNOWN	Email :	
Gender :	MALE	Secondary Email :	
DOB :	03/01/1954	State ID :	
Age :	68 to	Eye Color :	
Driver's License # :		Hair Color :	
Driver's License		Glasses :	
Expiration Date :		Height :	to
Driver's License State :	FLORIDA	Weight :	to
Driver's License Class :		Juvenile :	
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Passport # :			
Country Of Issuance :		Passport Expiration Date :	<u>.</u>
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Incident/Name Info	):		
Involvement :	WITNESS		
Name Information :	:		
Name Unknown :		Home Address :	PO BOX 50232, SARASOTA, FL, 34232
Last Name :	RIOUX	Mailing Address :	
First Name :		Home Phone :	
Middle Name :	MICHAEL	Work Phone :	
Suffix :		Other Phone :	
Name Type :	: INDIVIDUAL		
Race :	WHITE	Cell Phone :	
		Email :	

Email :

State ID :

Eye Color :

Hair Color :

Secondary Email :

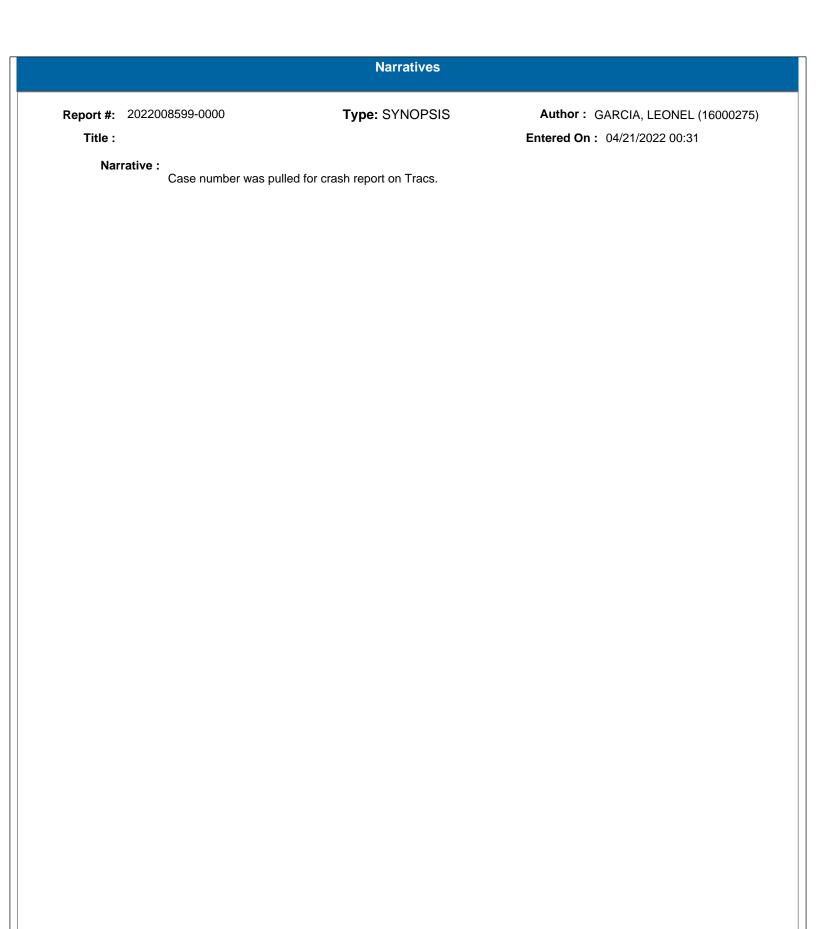
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Driver's License State :		Weight : to	
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Incident/Name Info	:		
	INVOLVED OTHER		
Name Information	:		
Name Unknown :		Home Address: 12436 NATUREVIEW CIR, BRADENTON, FL, 34212	
Last Name :	SWANGER	Mailing Address :	
First Name :	CHRIS	Home Phone :	
Middle Name :		Work Phone :	
Suffix :		Other Phone :	
Name Type :	INDIVIDUAL	Cell Phone :	
Race :	UNKNOWN		
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Geo Information		
Zone : UB	<b>Tract</b> : 1120	
District: 3	Neighborhood : N70	
Reporting Area :	<b>ESZ</b> : 570	

	Incid	ent Supplements	
Supplement # :	2022008599-0001	Location :	134 GREYHAWK BLVD, BRADENTON, 34212
Incident Record :	2022008599	Contact Name :	
Date/Time :	04/23/2022 02:26	Not for Prosecution :	
Туре :	PATROL SUPPLEMENT	Supervisor Name :	
Author :	PRUITT, NICHOLAS (11001321)	Supervisor Review Date :	
Supplement # :	2022008599-0002	Location :	134 GREYHAWK BLVD, BRADENTON, 34212
Incident Record :	2022008599	Contact Name :	KRUSE, GEORGE WILLIAM
Date/Time :	04/23/2022 03:37	Not for Prosecution :	
Туре :	CAPIAS REQUEST	Supervisor Name :	
Author :	PRUITT, NICHOLAS (11001321)	Supervisor Review Date :	
Supplement # :	2022008599-0003	Location :	600 301 BLVD W #SUITE 202, BRADENTON, FL, 34205
Incident Record :	2022008599	Contact Name :	
Date/Time :	04/28/2022 08:56	Not for Prosecution :	
Туре :	INVESTIGATIVE SUPPLEMENT	Supervisor Name :	
Author :	MAIN, BENJAMIN (11007914)	Supervisor Review Date :	
Supplement # :	2022008599-0004	Location :	600 301 BLVD W #202, BRADENTON, FL, 34205
Incident Record :	2022008599	Contact Name :	
Date/Time :	04/29/2022 05:01	Not for Prosecution :	
Туре :	PATROL SUPPLEMENT	Supervisor Name :	
Author :	PRUITT, NICHOLAS (11001321)	Supervisor Review Date :	

Supplement #: 2022008599-0005	Location: 600 US 301 BLVD W, BRADENTON, FL
Incident Record: 2022008599	Contact Name :
Date/Time : 05/04/2022 14:12	Not for Prosecution :
Type: INVESTIGATIVE SUPPLEMENT	Supervisor Name :
Author: MAIN, BENJAMIN (11007914)	Supervisor Review Date :

Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted



	2022008599-0001	Type: SUPPLEMENT	Author: PRUITT, NICHOLAS (11001321)
Title :			Entered On: 04/23/2022 03:32
Nar	rative :		

On April 21st, 2022, between the hours of 1600-2000 I was assigned to work off duty at the Greyhawk subdivision. At approximately 1942 hours, I was approached by several motorists indicating a white truck had wrecked into a tree. I inquired with three of the drivers as to how many vehicles and persons were involved. All gave similar statements, advising one vehicle was involved and the driver's whereabouts were unknown.

As I arrived on scene I observed a female, later identified as Jessica Kruse, standing in the roadway behind her vehicle which was parked in the road. I obtained a brief statement from her as to her knowledge of what occurred. She then advised that the vehicle's owner, George Kruse, was seated in her vehicle. I met with Mr. Kruse and I immediately observed him to have watery eyes, slurred speech, and was in an overall confused state. There was a solution, possibly water, on his shirt that he could not explain. When asked about this he stated, "Stress". Mrs. Cruz gave an excuse that it was, "from the airbag". I advised that air bags don't have water in them and he offered no other explanation. I conducted a preliminary crash investigation for the crash itself. It was learned that another vehicle reportedly sped around Mr. Kruse's vehicle, so in an attempt to keep from hitting the other vehicle he slammed on his breaks. Due to the roadways being of gravel and loose dirt, he lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle left the road and stuck a tree head on. The front seat airbags deployed rendering the vehicle inoperable requiring it to be towed. During my observations of the vehicles interior I observed a can of soda water in the driver's seat. This explained Mr. Kruse's shirt being wet. The seat belt was completely retracted into the B-pillar indicating that the driver did not have the seatbelt engaged. I relayed my observations of impairment to a traffic unit and also advised that we had no independent witness for the crash or that saw Mr. Kruse in control of the vehicle. It was my assumption that Mrs. Kruse could not be used as witness due to a conflict of interest. I requested a patrol unit respond to complete a traffic crash report. Mrs. Kruse took Mr. Kruse home and returned in order to coordinate a tow for the vehicle. I passed on my findings to patrol and left the area.

On April 22nd I learned that the original 911 call had significant information within the call. It appeared that Mr. Kruse's vehicle collision alert system called 911 upon impact and began recording Mr. Kruse's actions and conversations in the moments after the crash. I reviewed the 911 chronology log and found that a male was in the vehicle immediately after the crash and sounded intoxicated. He was slurring his words and not responding at times. A few minutes into the call a female can be heard trying to get the male to get out of the vehicle. The female refuses to give her location and says, "We're good" and that they don't need deputies to respond. The female also tells the male to get into her vehicle. The female identifies herself as Jessica Kruse. Once in the other vehicle the male says, "I can't believe I did this". At no time does the male identify himself. I requested a copy of the dispatched call recording for further clarification. This provided an audio version of the print one. Near the end of the call recording you can hear me open the door of the vehicle and address Mr. Kruse and ask if he is alright and if he can tell me what happened. That is when he gives his account of events and the recoding stops.

The information in the recording along with me contacting Mr. Kruse at the end of the recording with no obvious interruption in the call recording would lead a reasonable person to surmise that Mr. Kruse was in active physical control of the vehicle at the time of the crash. And per my observations was under the influence of an unknown substance.

A copy of the chronology was printed and placed in the attachments file at TRU.

With this new information a capias request will be sent to the State's Attorney's Office for review.

Report #: 2022	008599-0002	Type: CAPIAS REQUEST	Author : PRUITT, NICHOLAS (11001) Entered On : 04/24/2022 02:28
Narrative		*****DUI FOR SAO RE	
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With this new information a capias request will be sent to the State's Attorney's Office for review.

Report #:	2022008599-0003

**Type:** SUPPLEMENT

Author: MAIN, BENJAMIN (11007914) Entered On: 04/28/2022 11:07

Narrative :

Title :

CASE NO: 2022-008599 DUI INVESTIGATION OCCURRED: 04/20/2021 ASSIGNED: 04/21/2022 SUSPECT: GEORGE KRUSE

On April 21, 2022, I was tasked with responding to the Grayhawk Landing subdivision in Bradenton, in an attempt to obtain video footage of the **Exercise** to the subdivision. This was in reference to a traffic crash which had occurred the previous day at approximately 1934 hours.

Prior to responding, I viewed Lieutenant Pruitt's body worn camera (BWC) video of the incident. Doing so provided me the opportunity to observe the specific pickup truck involved in the crash and where the crash occurred. I also obtained and reviewed a call for service screen from the Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD) program, which provided a time frame relevant to when the crash occurred. Captured on the BWC footage is Lieutenant Pruitt's interaction with a subject identified as George Kruse. In the reviewed video, the footage shows George Kruse seated in the back of the back of the SUV belonging to his wife, Jessica Kruse. George appears to have glassy eyes, slurred speech, clammy wet skin, and droopy eyelids. Jessica frequently interjects to Lieutenant Pruitt's questions and provides answers for George, and if not, would offer a leading explanation. At one point, when Lieutenant Pruitt comments on George's wet shirt, she touches the shirt then smells her hand. Towards the end of the BWC footage, Lieutenant Pruitt confronts Jessica with his assumptions of George's inebriation and level of intoxication, explaining to her he is "obviously impaired" and "there is no reason he should have been driving." Jessica never denies these accusations. The truck portrayed in the video has a specific black pinstripe running down it's sides. A black tunnel style topper, remarkable

tire rims and a two-tone silver and white tailgate.

I responded to the Grayhawk Subdivision and met with Field Manager Carleen Ferro-Nyalka. Carleen, with the assistance of one of her technicians, provided me with video footage of the gate. It was downloaded to a USB for later upload to Evidence.com. I reviewed the video and determined the camera footage was approximately 1 hour and 25 minutes slow in comparison to the time stamp provided by my Verizon cell phone and Deputy Pruitt's Axon BWC time stamp. The video footage obtained from the depicted the suspect truck entering into the subdivision through the resident side gate at approximately 1933 hours real time (1808 video time stamp). At approximately 1944 hours (1819 video time stamp), Lieutenant Pruitt's headlights are observed in the camera footage. This is corroborated by Lieutenant Pruitt's BCW footage which shows him arriving and activating his BWC at 1942 hours. Of note, the video from

only records when motion is detected. As such, the video will pause when no vehicles are passing through the entrance or exit. While Lieutenant Pruitt's headlights are visible due to his vehicle's orientation against the angle of the recording camera, neither the crash nor the crashed vehicle can be viewed on the camera footage obtained. It is apparent the aforementioned truck entering the subdivision is the same truck due to the close proximity of the gate coupled with the distance to the crash site, and the time of the 911 call being received. Additionally, the crashed truck is remarkable in its comparison to the one entering the subdivision due to its black trim, wheel/rim design, truck topper and twotone tailgate. No other vehicles are observed behind the truck as it approaches the crash site. Refer to the video obtained for further details.

Additionally, I requested the 911 audio from the Emergency Communications Center. Upon obtaining it, I listened to the audio, which originated from an OnStar/Ford Telematics detected crash. The vehicle appears to have automatically dialed 911 in reference to the collison being sensed. When compared to the CAD call for service screen, the 911 call was associated to telephone number 941-321-6393. This telephone number, when searched via a Google public information search, returned to George Kruse. This search identified the telephone number as being George Kruse's realtor number as well as identifying it as his contact number listed for County Commissioner candidacy. I memorialized screenshots of the search returns for inclusion into Evidence.com.

Further review of the 911 call revealed a dispatcher speaking to a single male, who confirmed he was involved in a vehicle accident. The male's speech is slurred but acknowledges he is ok and uninjured. The male then stops responding to questions. Suddenly a female is heard say "get in my car." The 911 dispatcher transferred the call to an MCSO dispatcher who continues to try and solicit a response. The female is then heard telling the male "I need you to get in my car. I need you to get in my car right now." The female then engages in dialogue with the dispatcher, telling the dispatcher she is sorry and "we're good." She advised law enforcement response is not needed as the situation is "totally good." She identifies herself as Jessica Kruse. The line then goes silent with no parties speaking although rustling can be heard in the background. Jessica Kruse is heard saying "in the back, in the back," and loud music is heard over the open line, followed by what sounds like a car door closing. The male is heard uttering "fuck me" and "God damn it." The line remains open until Lieutenant Pruitt engages the subject in conversation. The audio recording terminates with the rest of the interaction being recorded on Lieutenant Pruitt's BWC. It is my opinion that the voice in the 911 recorded audio is the same voice of George Kruse captured on Lieutenant Pruitt's BWC. Additionally, it is my opinion that the female voice, who tells George Kruse to get into her car, is the voice of Jessica Kruse depicted on Lieutenant Pruitt's BWC.

I obtained and reviewed Deputy Garcia's BWC footage, who responded to conduct the traffic crash investigation. Upon meeting with Lieutenant Pruitt, Lieutenant Pruitt informs Deputy Garcia of the facts and circumstances of the crash. Lieutenant Pruitt tells Deputy Garcia he believes Jessica Kruse is lying about the crash. He points out his investigation to include tire marks and the amount of damage sustained to the front of the truck as being inconsistent with the information provided by Jessica and George Kruse. Lieutenant Pruitt Explains to Deputy Garcia that George Kruse is intoxicated was "obviously drinking" and Jessica Kruse is returning to the scene, after taking George home. He tells Deputy Garcia that both Jessica and George Kruse have made admissions that George Kruse was the driver of the crashed truck. While conversing with Jessica, she tells Deputy Garcia she was not in the truck with George. She explained she was a "little ways back," and suspected he was going 30 mph. She proffered she believed that he was "shaken up."

On April 22, 2022, my findings were provided to Lieutenant Pruitt for further review.

On April 26, 2022, I learned Lieutenant Pruitt had completed a capias request in reference to Geroge Kruse for the charge of driving under the influence and forwarded it to the State Attorney's Office for review. I contacted Misdemeanor Division Chief Darleen Ragoonanan to advise her of my findings thus far. ASA Ragoonanan advised she had knowledge of a crash which occurred within the Grayhawk neighborhood and forwarded me postings from the Facebook group "GHL Neighborhood Board." In the provided screenshots several individuals were identified as having intimate knowledge of the crash. These included a post by "Steve Rioux" who claimed to have "saw it right after it happened." Another post by "Chris Swanger" who pulled over "to make sure there was [SIC] no injuries at 10 pm." Another Post by "Walter Wulczak." who claimed, "a couple walking their dog… told me the driver couldn't stand straight, seemed seriously intoxicated." The provided screenshots were later uploaded to Evidence.com.

A check of the Vigilant/LEARN License Plate Reader (LPR) systems revealed no "hits" in proximity to the area at the time of the crash. The most recent log of the suspect license plate occurred in West Manatee County/Holmes Beach at 1300 hours the day of the crash. This is a probable result of no LPRs being locate in the area of the crash at the time of the crash.

On April 27, 2022, I made contact with Walter Wulczak. Although he did not witness the accident, Walter spoke to a couple who advised they saw an intoxicated individual as the deputy arrived on scene. He believed the couple lived in an adjacent neighborhood and would attempt to provide my information to them so they could contact me. See recorded interview for full details.

Then, I attempted to speak to Stephen Rioux but received no answer. I left a message requesting he contact me, and later that day, Mr. Rioux

returned my call. Mr. Rioux advised he saw the truck after it had collided with the tree, observing a man in the driver's seat "behind the wheel." He drove up to the crashed truck and saw it was still smoking from the damage it sustained when it struck the tree. He observed the driver, the only occupant, exit the front driver's seat and walk to a nearby fence. Rioux drove to the closest side street and turned around. As he returned, he saw the driver had returned to the truck and was seated in the driver's seat again. He described the driver as being in a "comatose" state. A female, who identified the driver of the truck as her husband, arrived in another vehicle. Mr. Rioux asked if EMS was needed and was told no. He then left as the woman seemed to have everything under control. See recorded statement from Mr. Rioux or full details.

Finally, I made contact with Jessica Kruse in an attempt to obtain a statement form her. She advised neither she nor her husband, would be providing a statement at the guidance her legal counsel.

This concludes my involvement in this incident as of writing. Any future involvement will be documented in an additional investigatory supplement.

All referenced video, audio recordings, and screenshots were uploaded to Evidence .com

#### Report #: 2022008599-0004 Type: SUPPLEMENT Author: PRUITT, NICHOLAS (11001321) Title : Entered On: 04/29/2022 05:24 Narrative : On the day of the original event, upon making contact with George Kruse, I observed him to have glassy watery eyes, slurred speech, droopy eyelids, clammy skin, thick tongued, and all around appeared confused. My training and experience led me to a conclusion that George Kruse was under the influence of an unknown substance. At no time could I smell an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath or his person. I initially observed Mr. Kruse in a seated position. It was not until later that I observed him standing. During that observation, I did not see him sway, appear uneasy on his feet, or use any object to assist him to stand. A field sobriety test nor a breath test was administered as there was no independent witness to the crash on scene that could place Mr. Kruse in the vehicle under active physical control of the vehicle. It was not learned until a few days later of the entire 911 call that clearly places Mr. Kruse inside the vehicle and the sole occupant. The capias request was completed with this new evidence in mind. This concludes my involvement at this time.

#### **Report #:** 2022008599-0005

Type: SYNOPSIS

Author : MAIN, BENJAMIN (11007914) Entered On : 05/04/2022 14:37

Title :

Narrative :

2022-008599

On April 29, 2022, The Manatee County Sheriff's Office received a public record request seeking information regarding this investigation. The request specified George Kruse by name and annotated case number "#228599." Additionally, the request made mention of Kruse walking into the county parking garage intoxicated. While the request referred to the DUI investigation which had occurred on April 20, 2021, the public record request provided a date of April 21, 2022 for the date of the incident. Refer to the attached public record request for full details.

Additionally, I was provided information that Kruse was believed to frequent a bar in downtown Bradenton. The name of this bar is "O'Bricks" and it is located at 427 12th Street West Bradenton, near the county parking garage.

Having this information, I responded to O'Bricks, and met with staff there. Staff provided me access to view the completed credit card transactions for April 20. No credit cards associated with the last name Kruse were used to make a purchase. I was able to obtain video footage of the bar and restaurant area for the evening of April 20. Upon review of the video, I did not observe George Kruse inside. The video footage obtained was uploaded to Evidence.com.

I then responded to the county administrative building and reviewed surveillance footage of the parking garage on April 20, to include the County Commissioner reserved parking area. This footage depicts at 12:54 pm, Kruse entered his truck which had been backed into a parking spot on the first-floor. After entering his truck, Kruse drove away, leaving the parking lot, and not returning for the remainder of the footage, which concluded at 7:30 pm. The video obtained was uploaded to Evidence.com.

On May 2, 2022, I again reviewed the Vigilant license plate reader (LPR) system for the tag assigned to George Kruse's F150 truck. In addition to the prior mentioned LPR hit on April 20, 2022, near Kingfish boat ramp, the truck had been "tagged" on April 19, 2022, at a plaza on the southeast corner of Lakewood Ranch Boulevard and S.R. 64. The truck was stationary and had been identified by a mobile LPR. The picture provided by the LPR depicted the truck parked in a parking spot. Familiar with this area, I knew a small bar and restaurant called "Wolves Head" that was located in the plaza. This restaurant has a bar area and serves pizza in to-go boxes similar to the boxes observed on Lieutenant Pruitt's body worn camera footage and referenced by Jessica Kruse to Deputy Garcia. Sergeant Dickerman and I responded to the restaurant but were advised credit card statements and video footage could not be accessed at that time. I returned later with Sergeant Dickerman to provide a subpoena for the requested information. The LPR reports and subpoena are attached for reference.

After speaking to staff at Wolves Head, I then responded with Sergeant Dickerman to "Beef-o-Brady's," a bar and restaurant located in the same plaza. Staff there advised they would provide my information to the owner in an attempt to obtain video footage of the restaurant for April 20. Prior to leaving, staff was able to advise no credit card transactions utilizing the last name of "Kruse" were made on April 20, 2022.

Next, I began reviewing social media postings of George and Jessica Kruse in an effort to locate their whereabouts on April 20, 2022. I located no posting pertinent to that specific date which would have disclosed where they were at, or whom they were with.

On May 3, 2022, I began attempts to locate the F150 truck. The crash report did not indicate what tow company removed the vehicle. BWC footage failed to provide information as to which company was utilized as Deputy Garcia left before the tow truck arrived. A check of CarFax did not reveal the vehicles location. Additionally, Teletype had no record of the tow, as they do not maintain records of owner's requests tows, nor are they reported. After calling several local tow yards, I learned that Bullet Towing had removed the vehicle from the crash scene and released the vehicle from their yard on April 27, 2022 to "Insurance Auto Auctions" (IAA), located in Palmetto, FL.

I contacted IAA staff and provided them the vehicle information. They confirmed they were in possession of the vehicle and awaiting disposition from the insurance company. I was asked by the staff if I wanted to view the vehicle. I accepted the offer and responded to IAA. I observed the truck from the outside. The front of the truck had sustained heavy damage. The bumper and engine compartment had been pushed backward towards the vehicle cab. The hood and grill were heavily deformed. A sticker on the windshield identified the truck by make, mode, year and VIN number. Above the sticker was a small green sticker with the word "TOTAL." From my vantage point outside the vehicle, I observed nothing remarkable inside the cab. The cup, charger, can, and pizza boxes that had been present during the collision were gone. The only personal item visible inside the truck was a suction cup cellphone mount on the dash. IAA provided photographs of the vehicle, the insurance claim number, and contact information for an insurance claim adjuster from Progressive Insurance. The provided information is attached for reference.

I then made contact with Celeste Baez, the agent handling the claim for Progressive Insurance. Ms. Baez advised me she had been trying to reach Mr. Kruse since April 28, to close the claim. She has had no contact with him. She further advised Mr. Kruse told her he had been driving the truck when a small animal entered into the roadway. This caused Mr. Kruse to swerve to avoid it, ultimately causing him to collide with the tree. I advised her Mr. Kruse provided a different account of events to Law Enforcement. She was provided this case number for later review and to obtain a copy of the DHSMV crash report.

Later that day, Sergeant Dickerman notified me that Wolves Head had provided the video footage to which had been requested. Wolves Head further advised no one utilized a credit card with the last name of Kruse on April 20, 2022. Detective Dickerman reviewed the footage and determined George Kruse was not there during the timeframe the video was requested. The video footage was uploaded to Evidence.com.

I was then contacted by Richard Macri the owner of Beef-o-Brady's who advised he had accessed the video from April 20. Sergeant Dickerman responded to view the video. The video did not Depict Kruse there during the reviewed timeframe.

I then observed a news clip from ABC 7 involving George Kruse. This news clip mirrored an article posted by the yourobserver.com news site. Kruse told reporters that the "A week later, someone decided to turn this political. It's just a witch hunt. There was no alcohol, there were no drugs involved. My citation does not check that box." Kruse stated, "I got a citation. I admit to the citation. What's done is done. It's two weeks later, it was an entire week, it all went away, then someone decided to try and make something out of it. That's it." Kruse concluded by advising, "I'm not going to spend my time on this, the Sheriff can do their job, the State Attorney can do their job and they can come to me if they want to have further conversation." The ABC 7 news clip was uploaded to Evidence.com. The Yourobserver.com article was attached for reference.

This concludes my involvement as of writing. Any future investigative actions will be annotated in an additional supplemental report.

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## VICTIM NOTIFICATION

#### AGENCY: MANATEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

	CASE NUMBER:	2022008599
VICTIM DECEASED: YES NO		
PARENT/GUARDIAN: NEXT OF KIN: NAME:		
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### MANATEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ALCOHOL INFLUENCE REPORT



DATE OF INCIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_04-20-2022 CASE #: \_\_\_\_\_2022-008599 UTC #: \_\_\_\_\_

THE FOLLOWING PERSON WAS ARRESTED FOR A VIOLATION OF s.316.193, F.S.:

NAME / DOB: George William Kruse 09/22/1975 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*NOT ARRESTED\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

DRIVING AND/OR CRASH SCENE OBSERVATIONS:

See PCA.

OBSERVATIONS OF THE DRIVER:

See PCA.

FIELD SOBRIETY EXERCISES:

NONE

OTHER:

N/A

ALCOHOL INFLUENCE REPORT (continued)

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То:	Warren, Randy; Conway, Melissa; Werbeck, Eric; Chasteen, Sharon; Chan, Yiu; No Reply
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#### Overview of the Request

Create Date: 4/29/2022 9:01:34 AM

Reference # M000235-042922

MCSO Case # Case #228599

Other Agency #

Description of Record Requested: Hi, I would like to make a public records request for a driving under the influence case from the evening of April 21.

The incident involves George Kruse. Case #228599

I would like to request a record of the following:

- 911 call

- Body camera footage
- The police incident and arrest reports
- Statements from witnesses

- The Manatee County first floor downtown parking garage camera footage showing Kruse getting into his vehicle, drunk, and drive away from county property.

I request all fees be waived as this is a publicly elected official. All material can be transmitted electronically, to cut down on processing cost.

#### 2022008599-542022.PDF Please let me know if there is any more information you need from me, or if the records are with another agency.

Thank you, Jesse Mendoza Sarasota Herald-Tribune Manatee County Reporter 915-443-5442 (cell)

Assigned Department: Records

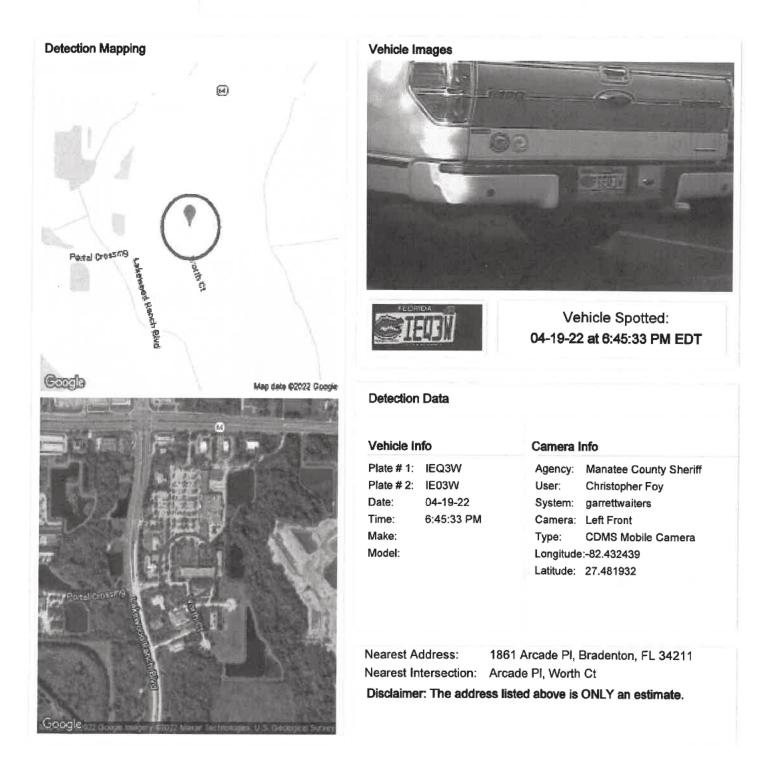
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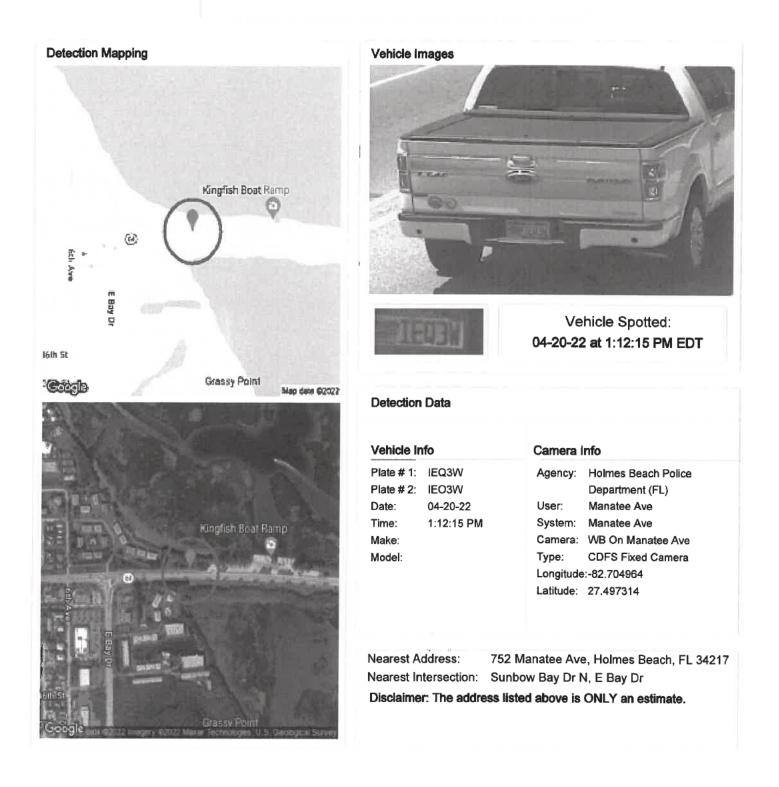


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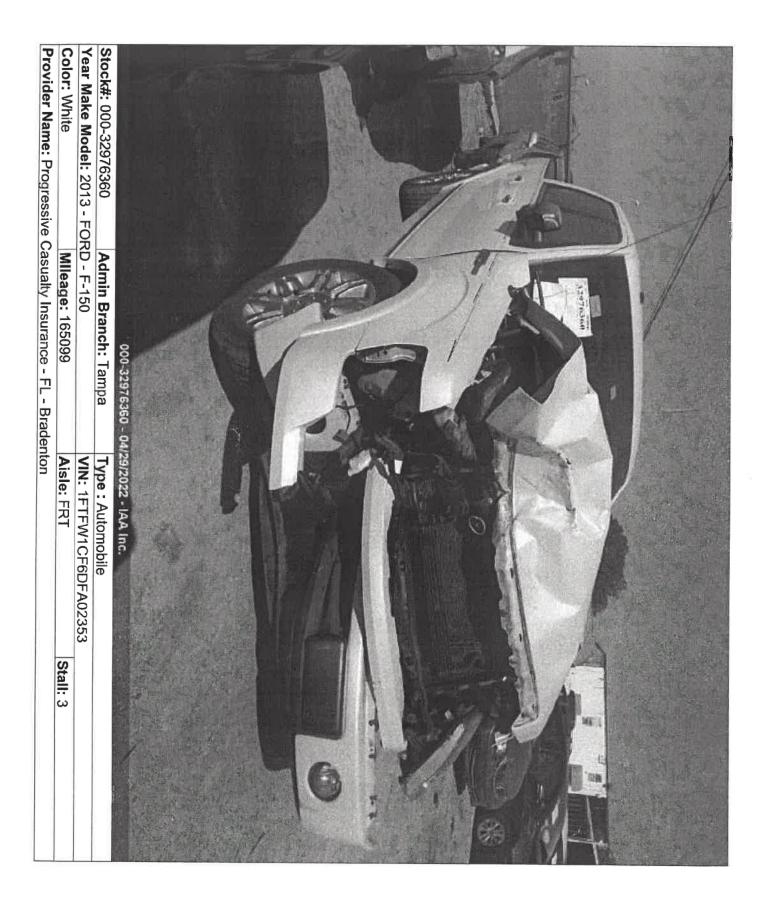
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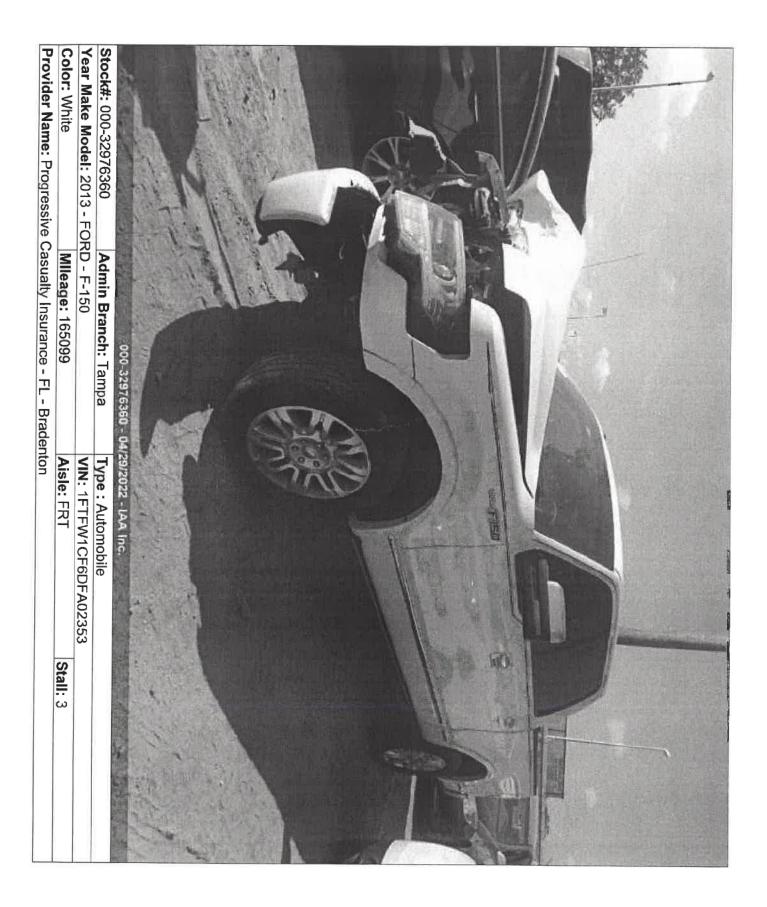


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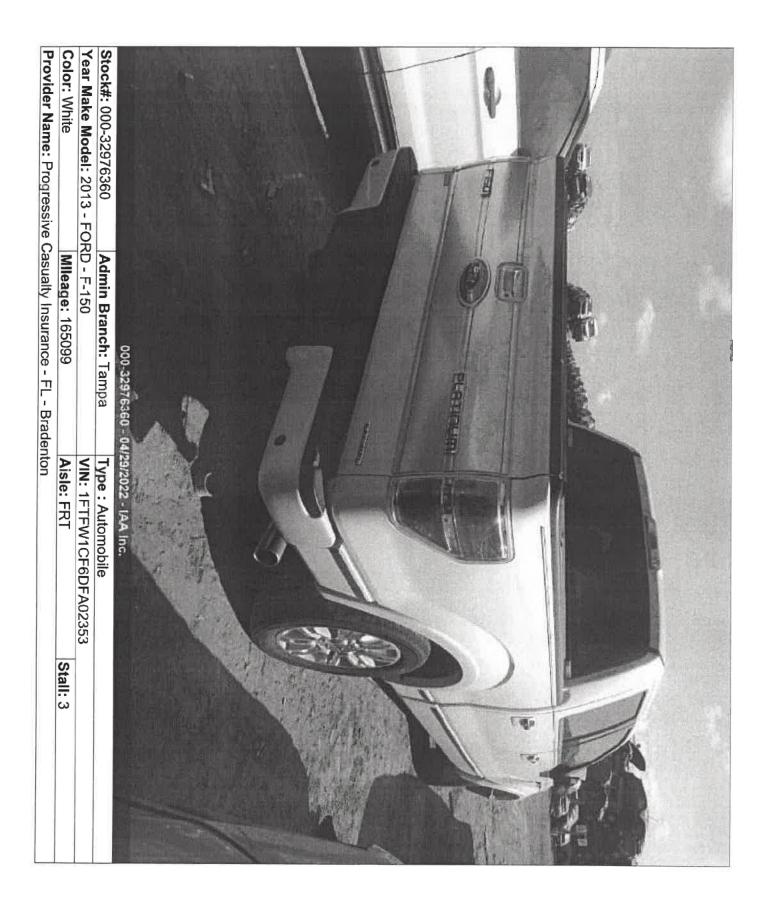


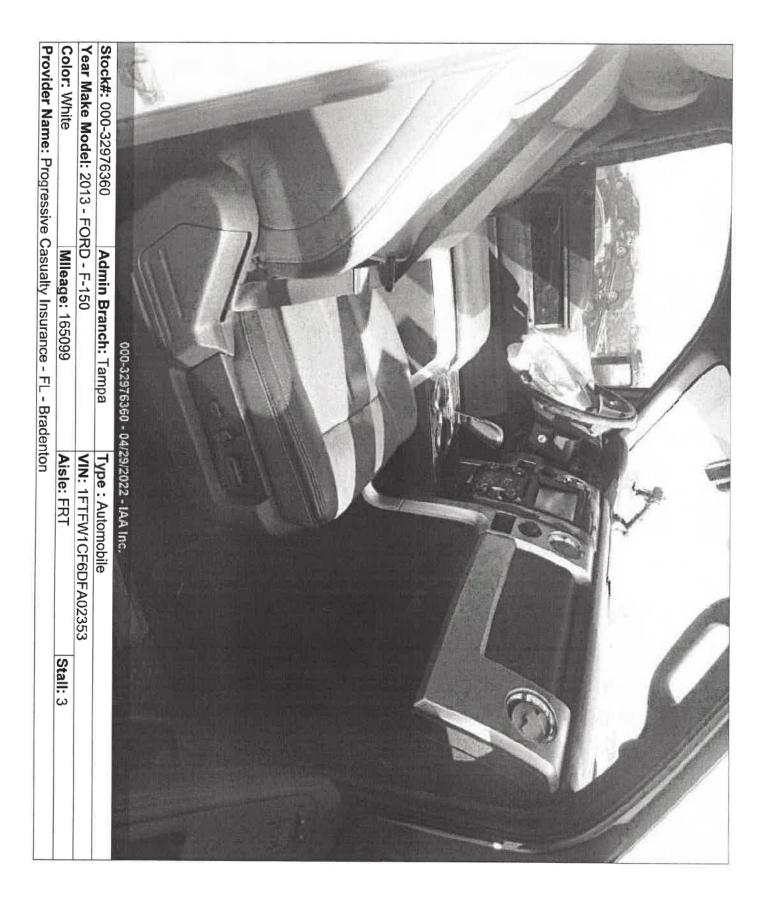


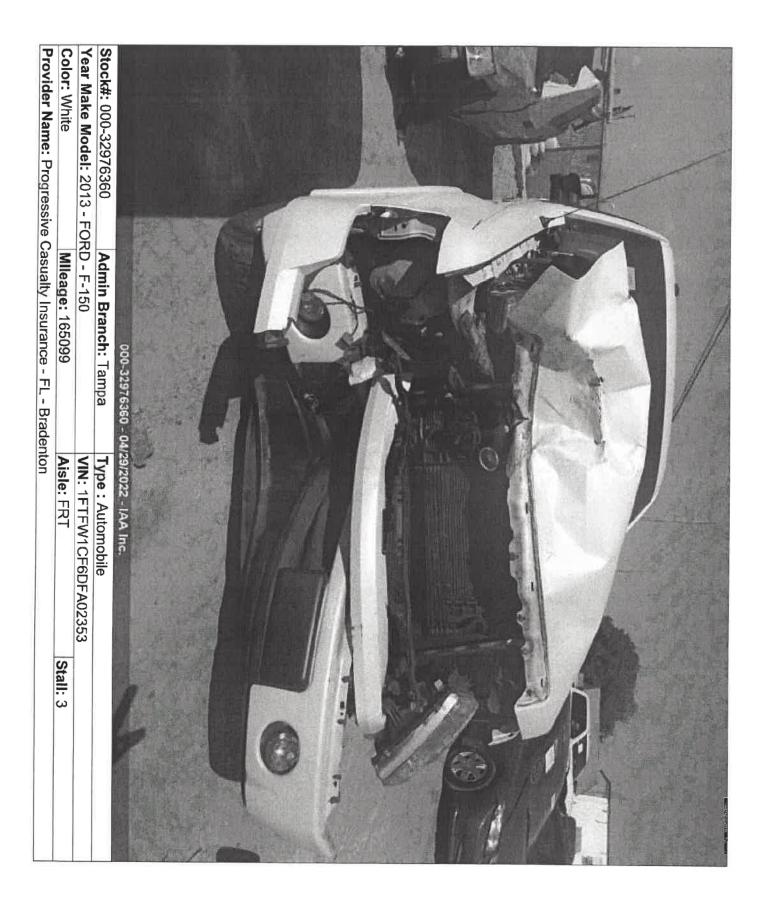


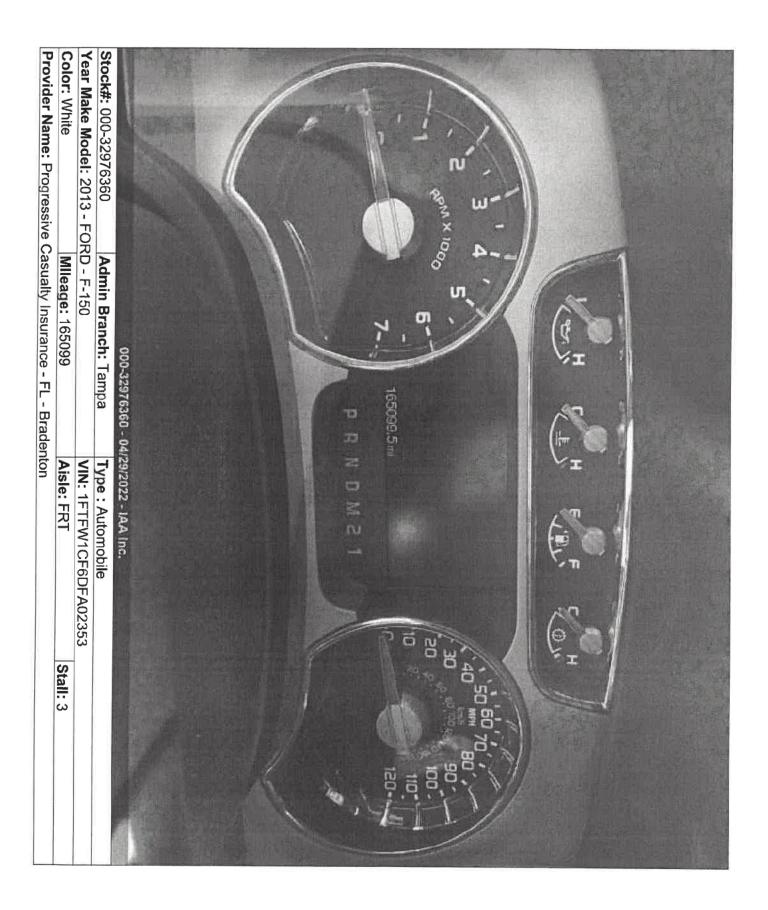
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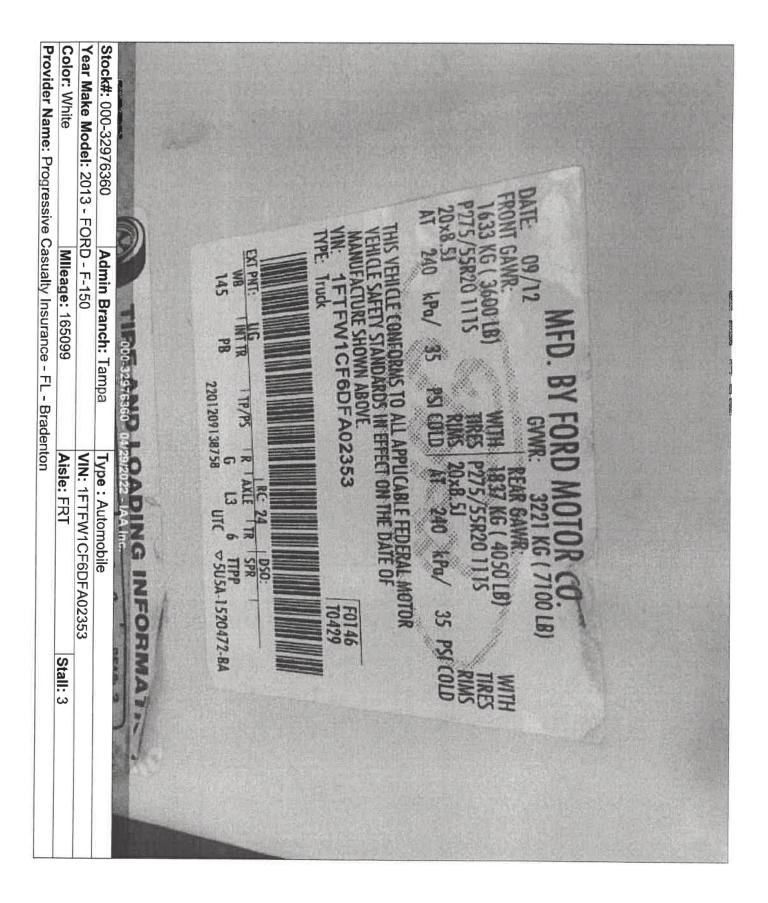






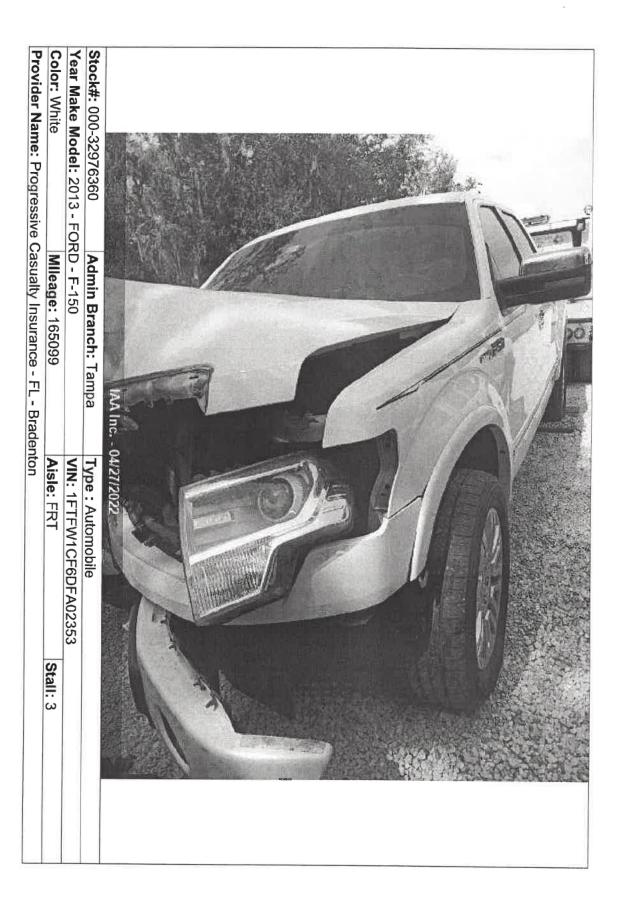


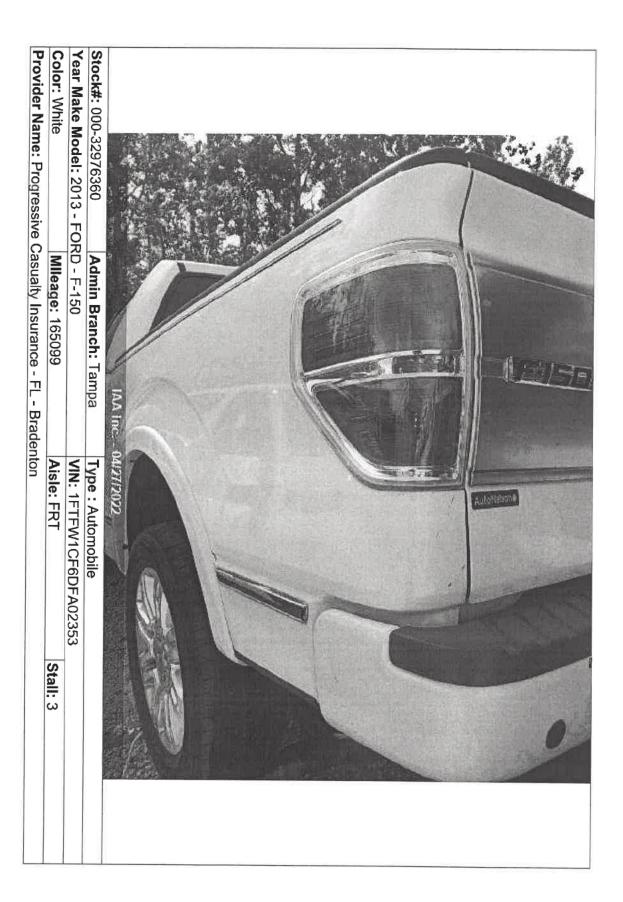
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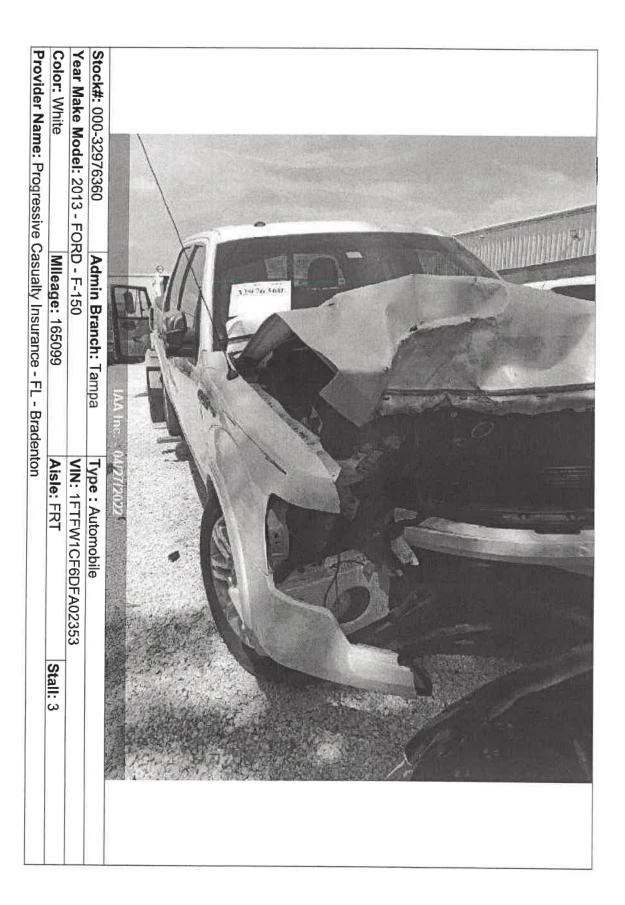


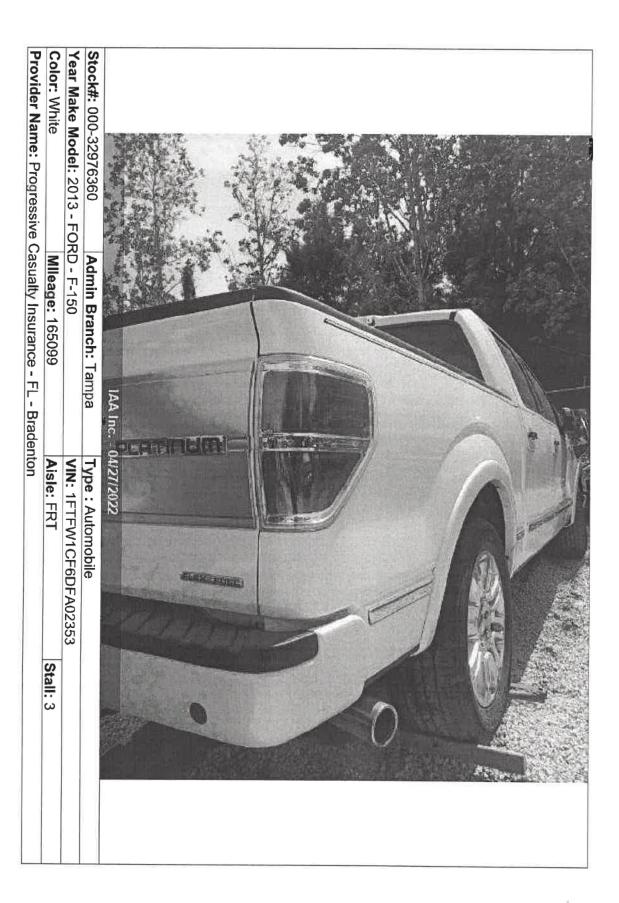
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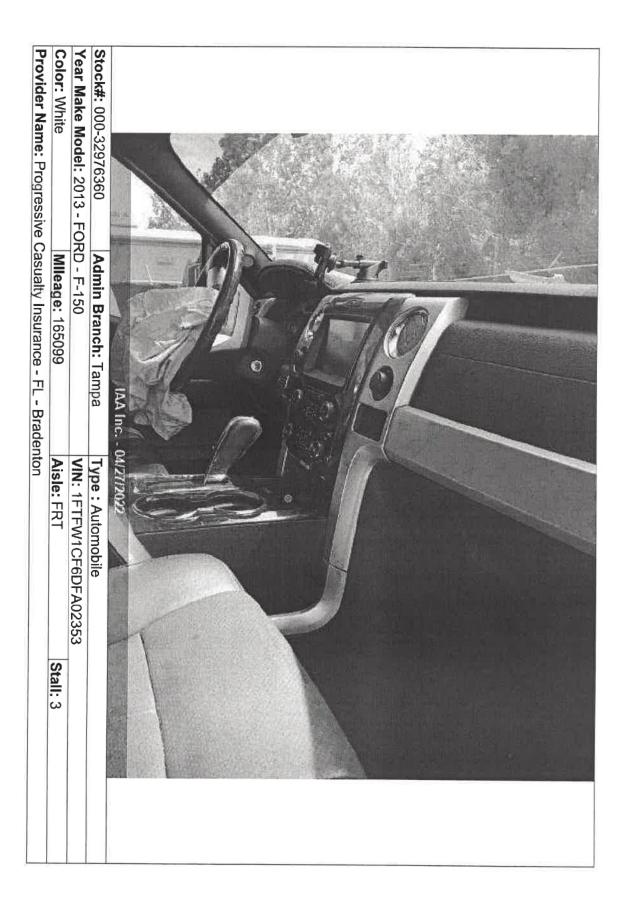


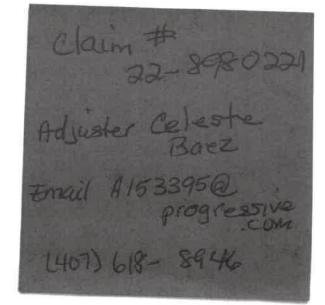






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TO ALL AND SINGULAR THE SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND STATE ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS:

GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUBPOENA:

WOLVESHEAD PIZZA 1837 Lakewood Ranch Blvd Bradenton, FL 34211

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before a person authorized by law to make investigation, at 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bradenton, Florida, for the purpose of investigation in the above style cause and have with you at said time and place the following information:

- 1) VIDEO FOOTAGE FROM CUSTOMER AREAS OF THE RESTAURANT. LIMIT THE TIME PERIOD TO 04/20/2022 BEGINNING AT 1700 HRS (5:00 PM) AND CONCLUDING AT 1936 HRS (7:36 PM) EDT
- 2) ANY AND ALL CREDIT CARD RECEIPTS (WITH TRANSACTION DETAILS) DEPICTING THE LAST NAME "KRUSE" FOR THE CARD HOLDER NAME DURING THE SAME LISTED TIME FRAME

THIS SUBPOENA MAY BE SATISFIED BY PROVIDING REQUESTED RECORDS IN AN "EXCEL" OR DELIMITED "CSV" (NON-PDF) FORMAT VIA E-MAIL TO: **Detective Benjamin Main**, C/O MANATEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 600 HWY 301 BLVD WEST, SUITE 202, BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34205, TELEPHONE NUMBER (941) 747-3011, EXT 2017 MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM. E-MAIL: Benjamin.Main@manateesheriff.com FAX NUMBER (941) 744-3719 Ref: 2022008599

#### YOU ARE NOT TO DISCLOSE THE EXISTENCE OF THIS SUBPOENA AS THE SAME HAS BEEN ISSUED IN FURTHERANCE OF AN ONGOING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION: SUCH DISCLOSURE COULD ENDANGER THE LIVES AND SAFETY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND IMPEDE SUCH INVESTIGATION.

This subpoena is issued pursuant to Section 92.605, Florida Statutes. A response is due within 20 business days of receipt of this subpoena unless a longer time is stated herein.

If you fail to appear, you may be in contempt of Court. You are subpoenaed to appear by the following attorney and unless otherwise respond to this subpoena as directed. AT BRADENTON, FLORIDA, ON THE 2nd DAY OF May, 2022

Dawn M. Buff Felony Chief of Special Intake Assistant State Attorney P. O. Box 1000 Bradenton, FL 34206 (941) 747-3077

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Manatee County commissioner calls DUI inquiry 'entirely political'



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April 20 at 134 GreyHawk Blvd., Bradenton.

He said he was shocked later to hear he was being investigated for possible driving under the influence.



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"Two weeks ago (April 20), I was cited for a civil infraction, no question there," he said. "A week later, someone decided to turn this political. It's just a witch hunt. There was no alcohol, there were no drugs involved. My citation does not check that box.

"Regardless of what the media says, it didn't happen at 5:30 p.m. (Note: It is listed at that time in the police										
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"Whoever is trying to turn this into more, it's just to come after me or to make my life miserable. I've got to deal with it. It is unfortunate."

Kruse, who lives about a mile from the accident site, said he clipped a curb and got into an accident.

"I got a careless driving citation, which I don't refute at all," he said. "I am very willing to pay it. We had officers on the scene, and they all spoke with me. There's nothing more to this. People are trying to make this more than it is. People are trying to add narrative where there's no narrative to add. Just to try to put it into the public perception that there was more than there is. It's unfortunate, but I'll get through it because I'm not concerned because there's just nothing there."

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anatee County Sheriff's Office incident sheet lists the primary offense as offense code DUI Alcohol or Drugs. The report lists Kruse as a suspect.

An alcohol influence report listed Kruse's name but specified "not arrested."

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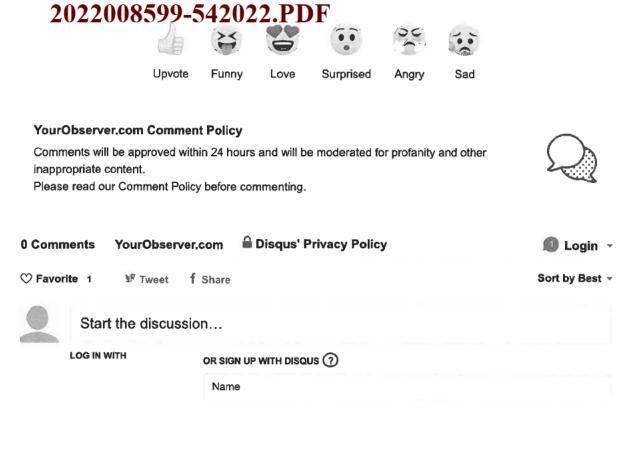
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