

20-156-CF

# ARREST WARRANT

IN THE NAME OF STATE OF FLORIDA.  
TO ALL SINGULAR, THE SHERIFFS OR DEPUTY  
SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Agency 19-11436

WHEREAS, upon the sworn affidavit, complaint or other sworn testimony of Law Enforcement Inspector Maria Fender, the undersigned Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Wakulla County has found there exists probable cause to believe that one Mr. Travis M. Asbell did on July 6, 2019, in Wakulla County, Crawfordville, Florida, while employed at Wakulla Correctional Institution, commit the offense(s) of: Official Misconduct, contrary to the provision(s) of Section(s), 838.022 Florida Statutes.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest Mr. Travis M. Asbell whose last known address is; [REDACTED]

Race: White Sex: Male Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Height: 6'01" Eye color:      Hair:     

If he be found in your County and keep him safely so that you may have his body before a Judge of the Wakulla County Court or Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, at the Courthouse in Crawfordville, Florida, INSTANTER, to be dealt with according to the law.

Appearance Bond is fixed at: \$ per schedule

GIVEN MY HAND AND SEAL this 26 day of May, 2020.

[Signature]  
Judge, Second Judicial Circuit in and  
for Wakulla County, Florida

RECEIVED this Arrest Warrant the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, and executed it on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by arresting the within named \_\_\_\_\_ and having him/her now before the Court this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

DEPUTY SHERIFF

ATTEST  
2020 MAY 26 AM 11:12  
CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT  
WAKULLA COUNTY FLORIDA

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### 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 #	FL037035C	Office of Inspector General - FDC			Report #	19-11436				
Location of Offense Wakulla Correctional Institution, 110 Melaleuca Drive, Crawfordville FL 32327					Date of Offense	07/06/2019				
Name: Travis M Asbell (FL DL [REDACTED])					Date of Arrest					
Race W - White B - Black	1 - Indian American O - Oriental Asian	W	Sex M	DOB or Age [REDACTED]	Height 6'01"	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color	Complexion Fair	Build Medium
Address (Street, Apt, Number)					(City)	(State)	Phone			
Name of Parent or Custodian (Last, First, Middle)					Residence Phone			Business 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: 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: Official Misconduct			Counts 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord	State Violation Number: 838.022			Violation Section (ORD)		
Activity N	Drug Type	Amount / Unit			State Attorney Number 850-926-0914	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 she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above-named Defendant committed the following Violation of the law, on 07/06/2019 at approximately 3:20 <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM (Specially include facts constituting cause for arrest)										

WAKULLA COUNTY  
CLERK OF COURT  
MAY 26 AM 11:18  
NOTED

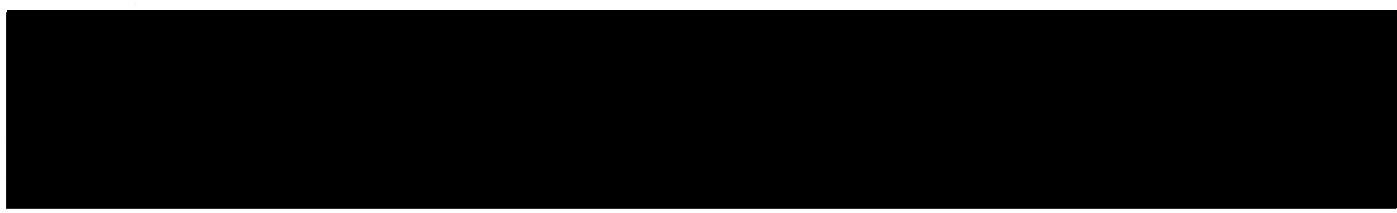
Your Affiant is Law Enforcement Inspector Maria Fender with the Office of Inspector General - FDC.

On July 6, 2019, at Wakulla Correctional Institution (WCI) in Crawfordville, Florida, the above-named defendant; Captain Travis M. Asbell, knowingly and with intent, committed the criminal offense of: Official Misconduct (one count), contrary to Florida Statute §838.022. Captain Asbell (a public servant), conspired to conceal a report of force used on an inmate. Cause exists to believe Captain Asbell's actions were carried out to: deceive, omit, obstruct and delay, minimize, or deny him detailing his or another individual's direct involvement in a Use of Force (UOF) applied on Inmate Otis Brown, DC# 166013.

On July 6, 2019, Officer Swain was escorting Inmate Brown through the L-Dorm side one sally port when a reactionary UOF ensued. Inmate Brown's hands were restrained behind his back during the entirety of the event. Officer Reneccia Brown was assigned in the Officer Station and having observed a UOF taking place, notified Captain Travis Asbell that Officer Swain needed assistance. As Captain Asbell arrived in the L-Dorm sally port, he testified he observed Officer Swain holding Inmate Brown in a guillotine choke hold. Captain Asbell grabbed Inmate Brown's shoulder and directed him to the ground. Sergeant Samantha O'Neal and Officer Christopher Elias responded to the sally port to assist Captain Asbell and Officer Swain in securing Inmate Brown.

Following the UOF Captain Asbell and Officer Swain spoke of not reporting the incident due to it not being on camera and agreed the UOF would go unreported.

In his sworn, digitally recorded post Miranda interview conducted at WCI by Inspector Maria Fender, Captain Asbell testified to the following:



Captain Asbell testified he gave false information to WCI Administration members multiple times, when asked if there had been an incident in which force was used on Inmate Brown. When confronted with video evidence that suggested force had been used, Captain Asbell then gave a truthful and accurate statement of events.

Your affiant respectfully submits, probable cause has been established in that, Captain Travis Asbell committed the criminal violation(s) of; Official Misconduct, in violation of §838.022 Florida State Statute, in Wakulla County, Crawfordville, Florida.

PC. Exists for Charge(s)		Judge's Signature		Date		
<input type="checkbox"/> Miranda	Hold for Agency Name :	Verified By:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Adults Only Hold for First Appearance <input type="checkbox"/> Do not Bond Out Reason:			Date:	Bond Charge #	Bond Charge #	Bond Charge #
			Bond Type 1. ROR 2. Cash	3. Surety 4. Bail / Bond	5. Cert 6. Other	Type
I swear/Affirm the above and attached statements are true and correct			Sworn to And subscribed before me, the undersigned authority this <u>26</u> day of <u>May</u> 20 <u>20</u>		Returnable Court Date	
Officer's / Complainant's Signature <u>Maria L. Fender</u> 3 Name (Printed)			Name/Title of Person Authorized to Administer Oath <u>Rebecca J. Daugherty</u>		Returnable Court Time <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	
ID# / Dist. <u>104349 / 3</u>			Release Date		Release Time <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	
Releasing Officer					Page 1 of 1	

