

The Truth About Dirty Cop **Madochee Eliassaint**

I was illegally arrested, incarcerated, and abused in 2023 by Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Madochee Eliassaint, along with his partner Trooper Jonathan Valdes, and their supervisor Sergeant Jose Lima.

All charges against me were dropped.

However, the Florida Highway Patrol refused to add the following legitimate complaints to the Priors Report for Trooper Madochee Eliassaint, so I am permanently uploading them at MadocheeEliassaint.com as public record of police officer Madochee Eliassaint's abuse of citizens and his reckless disregard for the law.

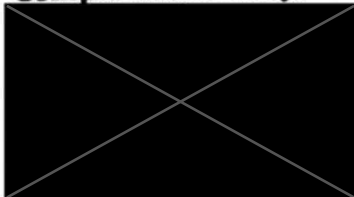
Madochee Eliassaint violated twenty-three (23) state and federal laws and agency policies, as documented below.

Despite overwhelming photo and video evidence, the Florida Highway Patrol refuses to acknowledge any wrongdoing whatsoever.

If you, too, have been abused by Madochee Eliassaint or Jonathan Valdes or Jose Lima and would like a witness to their unethical character, please email me at [*DirtyFHP@gmail.com*](mailto:DirtyFHP@gmail.com).

Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of Florida Administrative Code Chapter 60L-36.005(e)

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?



2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

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What specific law or policy was violated?

Florida Administrative Code Chapter 60L-36.005(e)

It is a violation of Florida Administrative Code Chapter 60L-36.005(e) to violate any law or agency rule. It states "Employees shall abide by the law and applicable rules and policies and procedures, including those of the employing agency and the rules of the State Personnel System."

Trooper Eliassaint violated the following twenty-three (23) laws and agency rules:

1. Florida Statue 320.07(3)(a)
2. Florida Statue 321.05(1)

3. U.S. Code Title 18 Section 242
4. Florida Constitution Article I Section 12
5. FHP Policy 3.03.06 A. 1.
6. FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 44.
7. FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 37.
8. FHP Policy 11.01.05(A)
9. FHP Policy 11.02
10. FHP Policy 17.01.04 B. 11 a.
11. FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 5.
12. Florida Statute 316.081(2)
13. FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 42.
14. FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 39.
15. FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 34.
16. FHP Policy 3.01
17. FHP Policy 3.02
18. FHP Policy 2.02
19. FHP Policy 2.01
20. FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 6.
21. Florida Administrative Code Chapter 60L-36.005(f)
22. FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 19.
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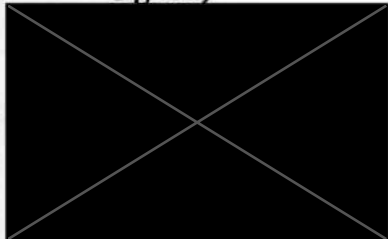
Please reference the corresponding complaint I have filed for each violation above for a detailed description of the evidence for each violation.

Why do you believe the person did this?

It's hard to say for certain as it's a tremendous number of violations. However, it is difficult to imagine how any law enforcement officer could commit so many violations unless they felt to some degree that they are above the law. Given the sheer quantity of violations, it is inconceivable that Trooper Madochee Eliassaint was acting professionally and in compliance with the law and FHP policy during this incident.

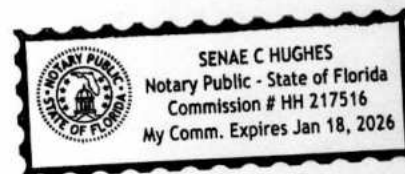
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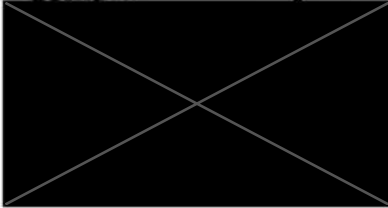
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Senae C Hughes
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For Violation of Florida Statue 320.07(3)(a)

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Florida Statue 320.07(3)(a)

Trooper Madochee Eliassaint violated this law by unlawfully arresting me, searching my vehicle, and seizing my vehicle in direct violation of Florida Statue 320.07(3)(a), which states that any person driving with an expired registration of 6 months or less commits nothing more than a traffic infraction. My vehicle registration was a mere 19 days expired, yet Trooper Eliassaint still charged me with criminal violation of Statue 320.02(1). It is widely established that ignorance of the law is not a valid excuse for breaking it.

Even Florida Judge Debra Krause was flabbergasted by this, stating "I have never had a situation where an individual has been arrested and incarcerated solely for having a vehicle registration expired less than one month. The statute specifically states that vehicle registration expired less than 6 months is a civil infraction so I can't imagine a scenario where law enforcement would arrest an individual merely on that charge." And yet that's exactly what Trooper Eliassaint did in direct defiance of the law.

Why do you believe the person did this?

I believe Trooper Madochee Eliassaint was intent on finding any way to exercise his power over me because when he was driving at or below the speed limit in the left-hand lane on I-75 Alligator Alley, obstructing the flow of traffic (as evidenced from my dash camera) and violating Florida Statue 316.081(2), I passed him in the right-hand lane at 9 m.p.h. above the speed limit when no other motorist dared to.

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As further evidence of Trooper Eliassaint's ego-driven desire for no one to pass him, in my dash cam video, Trooper Eliassaint's brake lights can be seen illuminating as I was approaching his vehicle in the neighboring lane, when he was already traveling at exactly the speed limit, thereby slowing to *below* the speed limit while traveling in the left-hand lane, which I can only interpret as an attempt for him to see if he could intimidate me to slow down and not pass him.

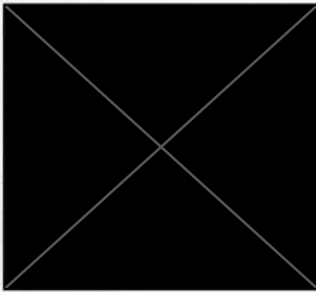
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It is notable that Madochee Eliassaint arrested me, took me to jail, and issued me three citations, but did not issue a citation for the speed. I suspect that to be because it could be unprecedented to issue a speeding ticket for just 9 m.p.h. over in the location where this occurred: Alligator Alley in the Everglades.

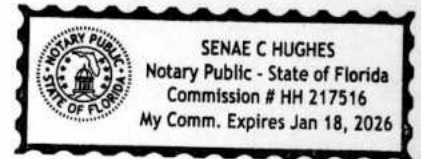
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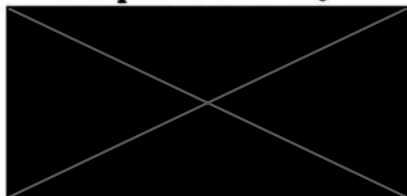
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For Violation of Florida Statue 321.05(1)

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What specific law or policy was violated?

Florida Statue 321.05(1)

Statue 321.05(1) states that highway patrol officers shall "...make arrests without warrant for the violation of any state law committed in their presence in accordance with state law; providing that no search may be made unless it is incident to a lawful arrest..." Trooper Eliassaint made an unlawful arrest where no criminal state law was violated and no probable cause for an arrest existed, and therefore violated Florida Statue 321.05(1) by making an arrest for no crime, and subsequently performing a vehicle search and on-person search that was not incident to any lawful arrest nor consented to.

Why do you believe the person did this?

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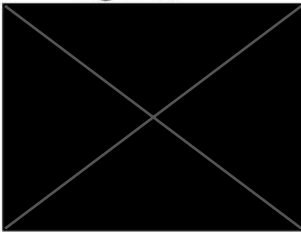
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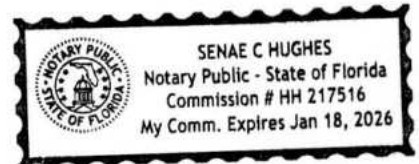
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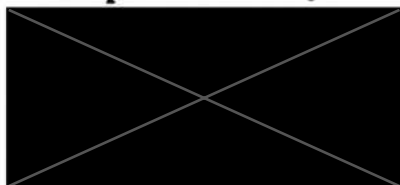
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Formal Complaint Against:
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For Violation of U.S. Code Title 18 Section 242

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?

 2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

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What other agencies have been notified?

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How was this activity carried out?

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What specific law or policy was violated?

U.S. Code Title 18 Section 242

Trooper Eliassaint violated Title 18 Section 242 of the U.S. Code by depriving me of my Fourth Amendment rights protected by The Constitution of the United States.

U.S. Code Title 18 Section 242 states it's "a crime for a person acting under color of any law to willfully deprive a person of a right or privilege protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States. For the purpose of Section 242, acts under "color of law" include acts not only done by federal, state, or local officials within their lawful authority, but also acts done beyond the bounds of that official's lawful authority, if the acts are done while the official is purporting to or pretending to act in the performance

of his/her official duties. Persons acting under color of law within the meaning of this statute include police officers..."

The Forth Amendment assures the right of the people to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures. Because I was unlawfully arrested and probable cause did not exist to lawfully effect the arrest, my vehicle could not and should not have been subject to search and seizure, as it was, and my Forth Amendment rights were violated and Trooper Eliassaint violated U.S. Code Title 18 Section 242 by unlawfully arresting me and searching and seizing my vehicle.

Why do you believe the person did this?

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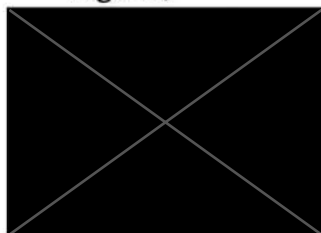
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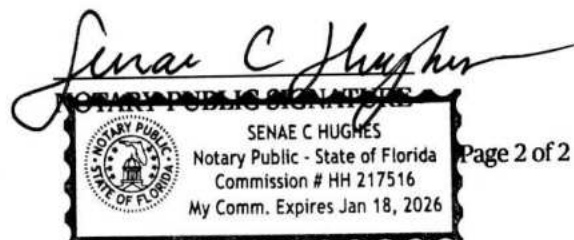
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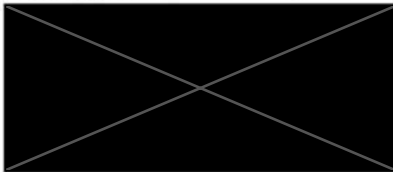
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What specific law or policy was violated?

Florida Constitution Article I Section 12

Florida Constitution Article I Section 12 affirms "The right of the people [and their] effects against unreasonable searches and seizures." Trooper Madochee Eliassaint unlawfully arrested me with no probable cause, denying me of my rights against unreasonable searches and seizures under the Florida Constitution. My person and my vehicle was searched and seized when there was no lawful reason for doing so.

Why do you believe the person did this?

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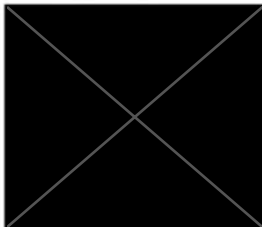
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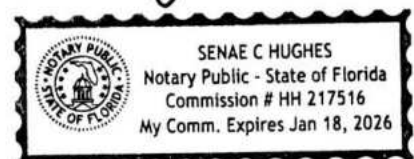
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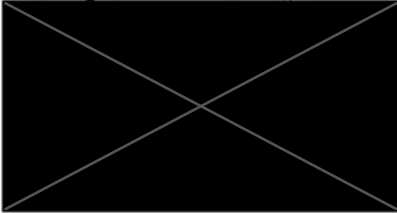
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What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 3.03.06 A. 1.

FHP Policy 3.03.06 A. 1. states "Members will uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Florida, obey all federal, state and local laws..." Trooper Eliassaint violated my Forth Amendment rights of the U.S. Constitution and violated Florida Statue 320.07, which prohibits the arrest of any person with vehicle registration expired six months or less. And thereby in turn violated FHP Policy 3.03.06 A. 1. as I was unlawfully arrested and Trooper Eliassaint did not uphold the Constitution of the United States and did not obey state law.

Why do you believe the person did this?

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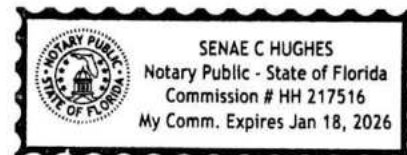
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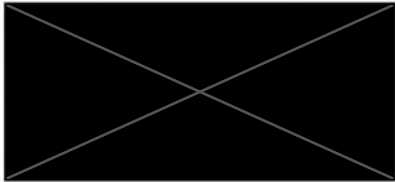
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FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 44.

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 44. states "Members will not make any arrest, search or seizure, which they know or *should* know, is not in accordance with law and Division procedures." Trooper Eliassaint violated this policy, arrested me, searched my vehicle, and seized my vehicle when it was in direct violation of Florida Statue 320.07(3)(a) to do so.

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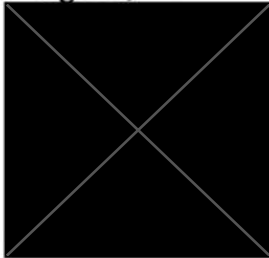
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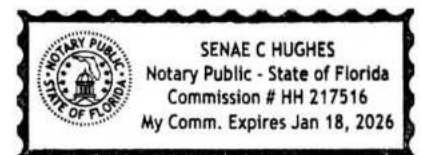
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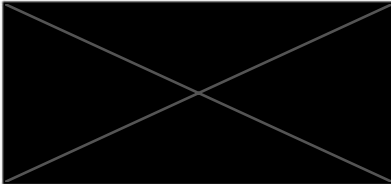
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Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 37.

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 37. states "Members will not make false accusations of a felony, misdemeanor, traffic, petty offense or administrative charge." Trooper Eliassaint accused and charged me with multiple misdemeanors, which are patently false according to Florida Statue 320.07 and State v. Brooks 295 So.3d 348. Judge Blake Adams immediately dismissed all charges minutes into the first hearing of this case.

Why do you believe the person did this?

I believe Trooper Madochee Eliassaint was intent on finding any way to exercise his power over me because when he was driving at or below the speed limit in the left-

hand lane on I-75 Alligator Alley, obstructing the flow of traffic (as evidenced from my dash camera) and violating Florida Statue 316.081(2), I passed him in the right-hand lane at 9 m.p.h. above the speed limit when no other motorist dared to.

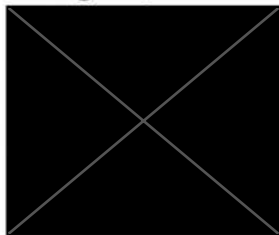
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Trooper Eliassaint was not acting professionally nor in compliance with FHP policy, or the law, during this incident.

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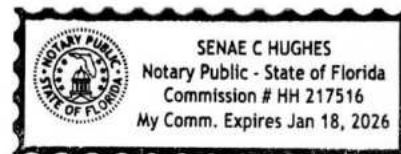
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Signed,



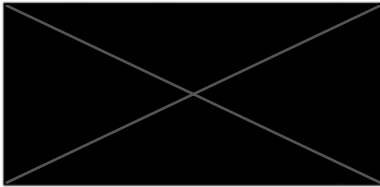
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Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 11.01.05(A)

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?

 2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

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What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 11.01.05(A)

FHP Policy 11.01.05(A) states that one of nine criteria must be met in order for a Member to arrest someone without a warrant. None of the nine criteria were met in the case of my arrest and I was unlawfully arrested. Trooper Eliassaint erroneously stated that I violated Florida Statue 320.02(1), but State v. Brooks 295 So.3d 348 substantiates that there was no probable cause, nor was there any connection with a crash, therefore FHP Policy 11.01.05(A)4 does not apply and none of the nine criteria required for a Member to arrest a person without a warrant was present. Florida Statue 320.07(3)(a) clearly states that any person driving with an expired registration of 6 months or less commits nothing greater than a traffic infraction. It is apparent that

Trooper Eliassaint does not or did not know the law, or does but did not care to operate within the law, and therethrough violated FHP Policy 11.01.05(A).

Why do you believe the person did this?

I believe Trooper Madochee Eliassaint was intent on finding any way to exercise his power over me because when he was driving at or below the speed limit in the left-hand lane on I-75 Alligator Alley, obstructing the flow of traffic (as evidenced from my dash camera) and violating Florida Statue 316.081(2), I passed him in the right-hand lane at 9 m.p.h. above the speed limit when no other motorist dared to.

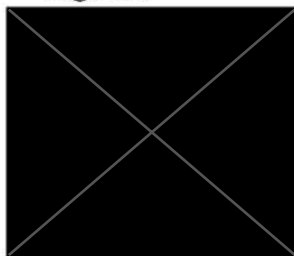
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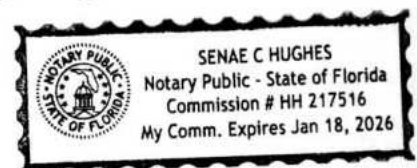
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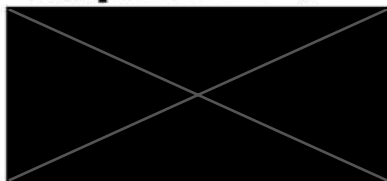
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Senae C Hughes
NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE




Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 11.02

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?

 2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 11.02

FHP Policy 11.02 states "It is the policy of the Florida Highway Patrol to employ measures that safeguard the rights granted in the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution relating to search and seizures." Further, FHP Policy 11.02.06 states "The Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution protects citizens from unreasonable searches and seizures. Members of the Florida Highway Patrol have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution."

My vehicle was seized and impounded by Trooper Eliassaint. My vehicle was searched. No consent was ever given to search my vehicle. I was searched and incarcerated

unlawfully. No probable cause existed to effect my arrest and thereby no legal basis existed for the search and seizure of my vehicle. My Fourth Amendment rights were violated in this incident and Trooper Eliassaint wholly violated FHP Policy 11.02 as a result.

Why do you believe the person did this?

I believe Trooper Madochee Eliassaint was intent on finding any way to exercise his power over me because when he was driving at or below the speed limit in the left-hand lane on I-75 Alligator Alley, obstructing the flow of traffic (as evidenced from my dash camera) and violating Florida Statue 316.081(2), I passed him in the right-hand lane at 9 m.p.h. above the speed limit when no other motorist dared to.

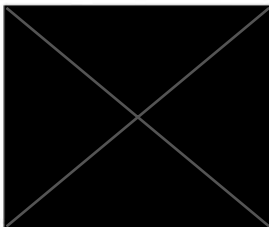
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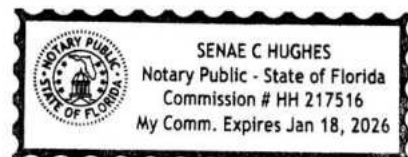
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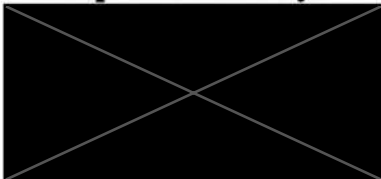
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Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 17.01.04 B. 11 a.

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?



2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

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State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 17.01.04 B. 11 a.

FHP Policy 17.01.04 B. 11 a. states "Motorists shall not be left alone and unassisted in areas that clearly do not offer opportunity for the motorists to obtain assistance for themselves. **Members shall remain with motorists or passengers temporarily until arrangements have been made for further assistance.**" Trooper Eliassaint's violation of that last sentence is ultimately what escalated into then unlawfully arresting me.

After Trooper Eliassaint decided to impound my vehicle, he told me that my only option to vacate the highway was to be placed in the back of his patrol car and driven to the nearest exit. When I told the trooper that I will request an Uber driver to come

pick me up, he told me he will not wait and that it will be illegal to leave me there on the side of the highway and that I had no choice but to either be forcibly given a ride in the back of his patrol car to the nearest exit, or I will be arrested and forcibly given a ride in the back of his patrol car to the nearest jail. Either way, I was given no option but to ride in the undignified and questionably clean backseat of a police car, when I had committed no crime and done nothing deserving of more than a traffic infraction.

It was then facing two lose-lose options presented to me that I requested "60 seconds to think." Immediately upon asking Trooper Eliassaint and Trooper Valdes for "60 seconds to think," Trooper Valdes said to his supervisor, Jose Lima, on his cell phone "Jose, what do you want me to do?" Then Valdes simply said "okay," presumably because Lima said "arrest him," and Valdes told me to place my hands behind my back and that I was under arrest.

FHP Policy 17.01.04 B. 11 a. says "Members shall remain with motorists or passengers temporarily until arrangements have been made for further assistance." I interpret this to mean that one trooper could have easily remained with me on the side of the highway until my Uber driver arrived to pick me up. Which would have occurred within about 10 minutes. Coincidentally, one of the troopers remained on-scene for more than one hour after I was transported to jail as they waited for a tow truck for my vehicle.

My unlawful arrest could have been avoided entirely had the troopers simply adhered to FHP Policy 17.01.04 B. 11 a.

Why do you believe the person did this?

I believe Trooper Madochee Eliassaint was intent on finding any way to exercise his power over me because when he was driving at or below the speed limit in the left-hand lane on I-75 Alligator Alley, obstructing the flow of traffic (as evidenced from my dash camera) and violating Florida Statute 316.081(2), I passed him in the right-hand lane at 9 m.p.h. above the speed limit when no other motorist dared to.

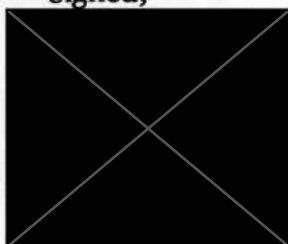
It is my opinion, based on the evidence, that Trooper Eliassaint was aggravated by the fact someone passed him. So he initiated a traffic stop, refused to give me any opportunity to rectify the situation or obtain my own alternative transportation off the interstate, and then unlawfully arrested me as a display of his sovereign authority of the highway. His arrest and impoundment of my vehicle was unlawful pursuant to *State v. Brooks* 295 So.3d 348 (August 2020), which determined probable cause did not exist to lawfully make the arrest. And Trooper Eliassaint's actions were in direct violation of Florida Statute 320.07(3)(a).

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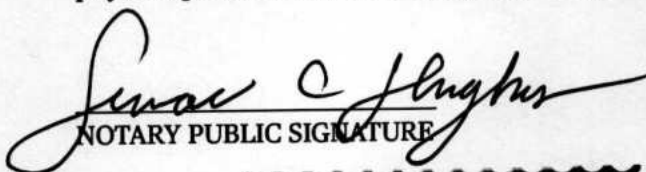
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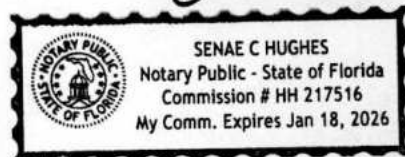
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Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 5.

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?

 2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 5.

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 5. states that troopers will not obey any order which would require them to commit an illegal act. And if they are in doubt as to the legality of an order, they will request clarity from the issuing officer. Trooper Eliassaint arrested me on the order of his Sergeant, Trooper Lima, who gave him the order over the phone. Trooper Eliassaint was the lead trooper on this incident who executed the traffic stop and took me to jail. Arresting me without legal cause is illegal and Trooper Eliassaint violated FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 5. Florida Statue 320.07(3)(a) specifically prohibits the arrest of a citizen for exactly the reason Trooper Lima ordered my arrest.

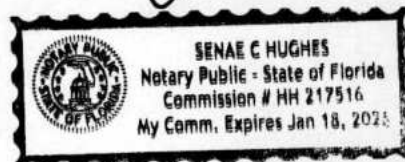
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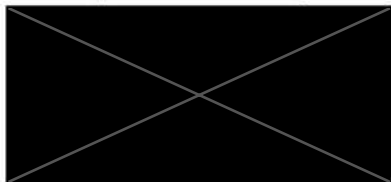
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Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of Florida Statue 316.081(2)

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?



2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

Florida Statue 316.081(2)

Trooper Eliassaint broke Florida law 316.081(2), which states that "any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall be driven in the right-hand lane then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway..." Trooper Eliassaint was cruising exactly at or below the speed limit in the lefthand lane of I-75 on Alligator Alley, with no emergency lights on his vehicle activated, and was significantly impeding the flow of traffic. My dash cam video shows that traffic was moving smoothly and unimpeded until within a half mile of Trooper Eliassaint's location traveling on I-75 in the lefthand lane, at which point traffic began to congest as

no other motorist was willing to pass Trooper Eliassaint, who was blocking passing traffic by sitting in the lefthand lane for many miles.

The Statue states that any vehicle moving slower than the speed of traffic must move over. Trooper Eliassaint did not and was impeding the flow of traffic. No one had the courage to pass him so traffic was backing up.

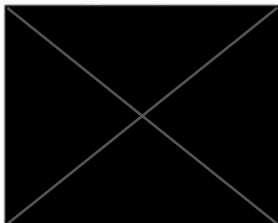
I recognize this is a minor offense, but if a citizen can be cited for violating this law, why can't a peace officer? I would argue it's even more of a hazard to traffic when a peace officer engages in the violation of this law because it leads to greater congestion as citizens are predominantly unwilling to pass a police car. Trooper Eliassaint did not have his emergency lights on and therefore should be held to following the same traffic rules as everyone else. To say otherwise would completely discard the entire law.

Why do you believe the person did this?

He wanted to feel powerful, so he cruised for miles in the lefthand lane of I-75 on Alligator Alley, where there are only two lanes in each direction, at 69 or 70 m.p.h. (speed limit is 70 m.p.h.), in violation of Florida Statue 316.081(2), to needlessly inflict control on all motorists behind him. I drove westbound on Alligator Alley for 100 miles and traffic was uncongested the entire way until I got within a half mile of Trooper Eliassaint.

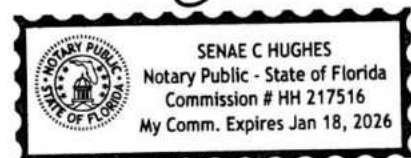
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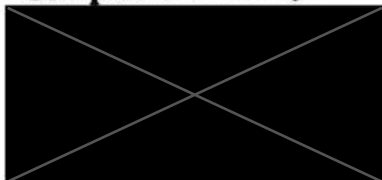
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Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 42.

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?



2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 42.

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 42. states "Members will not mistreat persons who are in their custody." Immediately upon being handcuffed, I explained to Trooper Eliassaint that I was dehydrated and in desperate need of water. He said there was no way to get me water. I explained there's bottled water in my vehicle, a mere few steps away, and asked if he could please just bring me a bottle of water from my vehicle as it is a medical emergency. He ignored my pleas. He told me that once I'm handcuffed I cannot be handed anything and the handcuffs are not allowed to come off. I asked if he could just hold the bottle of water up to my mouth so I could drink it. He said no.

Trooper Madochee Eliassaint refused to provide medical assistance when it requested by a person in his custody, thereby violating FHP policy 30.03.06 A. 42.

I have a long-standing history since childhood of being very easily dehydrated, especially in stressful situations. I made it clear to Trooper Eliassaint multiple times that I was dehydrated and in desperate need of water and he refused to do anything.

It was only later when his parter, Trooper Valdes, ordered me to step back out of the patrol vehicle in order to conduct a handcuff swap that Valdes, upon my asking Valdes, brought me some water from my car.

Trooper Eliassaint completely ignored my pleas for medically imperative water and if they didn't have to do a handcuff swap, I never would have gotten it until hours later when a water fountain was accessible to me in jail. I explained to Eliassaint that I have a medical need for water and am easily dehydrated and he ignored my pleas. Eliassaint ignored most the of questions I asked him, too, as though I didn't even exist, as though I wasn't even alive or a human being.

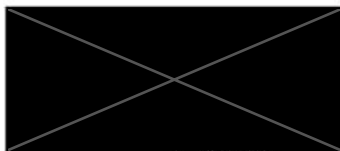
Furthermore, I was placed in the back of his patrol vehicle handcuffed with my hands behind my back and his vehicle had no cut-outs in the seat for your hands. So all of my weight was on my handcuffed hands and when I told Trooper Eliassaint that the handcuffs were too tight and hurting me, he responded "If the handcuffs were really that tight, you would be screaming in pain," and then proceeded to ignore me. Given the unviolent nature of my arrest, and the fact that no cut-outs existed in the seats in the backseat of his vehicle, I could have easily been handcuffed in front instead. But as a result of Trooper Eliassaint's lack of compassion and violation of FHP policy 30.03.06 A. 42, , I had to sit there on my handcuffed hands for 45 minutes and there were bruises and two deep red lines on my wrists for a full day following this incident.

Why do you believe the person did this?

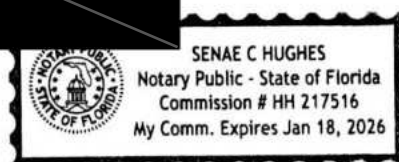
I believe Trooper Madochee Eliassaint was not acting professionally and in compliance with FHP policy that day, and demonstrated he does not care about treating others humanely.

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 of the rights contained in ss. 112.532 and 112.533, Florida Statutes.

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Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 39.

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?

 2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

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Who else is aware of this?

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How was this activity carried out?

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What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 39.

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 39. states "Members will operate vehicles in a careful and prudent manner..." Trooper Eliassaint drove dangerously and extremely aggressively just 17 seconds after activating his overhead lights, and in such a manner that I thought he may be lining up to PIT me at highway speed, and I feared for my life.

Just 17 seconds after activating his overhead lights, Trooper Eliassaint activated his piercer siren and left it on until we had come to a complete stop. Trooper Eliassaint never activated his standard siren, but instead opted to activate only the loudest and most aggressive sounding siren at his disposable just 17 seconds after turning his

overhead lights on. There was no progressive escalation as one would reasonably expect from Wail to Yelp to intermittent use of Pierce. There was no intermittent use of Pierce mode by Eliassaint; it was full-time, it was immediate, and it was to intimidate me into pulling over when and where I felt it was unsafe to do so.

As soon as Trooper Eliassaint activated his overhead lights, I slowed down to below the speed limit and turned on my hazard lights to indicate I saw him. With the narrow shoulder, just two lanes, and cars going by at highway-speed, I felt it would be prudent to reduce speed and keep driving for two or three minutes to try to find a place that would be safer for both myself and the trooper to pull over.

I've seen many videos of people pulled over on a narrow shoulder of a highway and then a distracted driver comes by and plows into them at highway speed, and I have no desire to become another accident statistic.

However, Trooper Eliassaint began almost immediate erratic driving and executing extremely aggressive driving techniques just 17 seconds after turning on his overhead lights. Simultaneously, with the activation of his piercer siren, he floored his Charger and immediately began driving within mere inches of the left side of my rear bumper while we were at highway speed on I-75. He then abruptly veered into the lefthand lane (I was in the righthand lane) and came up along the driver-side of my vehicle.

His driving was so aggressive and so immediately so with no valid justification for such immediate aggressive behavior that I genuinely feared he was going to strike my vehicle and run me off the road. Remember, this started just *17 seconds* after he first turned on his overhead lights. His driving was threatening and extremely excessive given the situation, conditions, and duration.

But after 22 seconds of being terrorized by Trooper Eliassaint with his dangerous and erratic driving and nonstop use of his piercer siren, it appeared to me as though he was ready to PIT me and I began to fear for my life so I decided to pull over on the unsafe shoulder to avoid further escalation of his aggressive behavior.

I came to a complete stop just 50 seconds after Trooper Eliassaint first activated his overhead lights. However, his first words to me in a clearly frustrated tone was "Is there a reason why it's taking you forever to stop?!" This was despite my pulling off the road just 39 seconds after he first turned on his lights, and coming to a complete stop just 11 seconds later.

In nearly 20 years of driving, I've never had a police officer ever be so aggressive with his driving and use of siren to pull me over. He compelled me to pull over in an area much more dangerous than could have been effected had Trooper Eliassaint simply

exercised a mere minute or two more of patience after I had already actually acknowledge with my hazard lights that I saw him and intended to pull over. But instead, he demanded that I pull over right then and right there without regard for safety.

FHP Policy 17.21.06 A. 4. d. states "In determining when to actually initiate a traffic stop, a member should consider... the characteristics of the roadway." When Trooper Eliassaint asked me why I didn't pull over immediately and I explained it was for the reason of safety, he became sarcastic and in a frustrating tone said "Do you know where you are? Do you know how far that goes down? So your plan was to wait until you get to an exit to pull over?!" It was evident from his tone of voice that I was already guilty of something.

I explained my intention was to continue driving below the speed limit in the right-hand lane with my hazard lights on until there was a location with more space to safely pull over, and that I didn't want to pull over where I felt it was unsafe.

A mere *two miles* up the road, less than two minutes away, there was a paved turnaround point which would have been a much safer place to pull over. And would have been where I pulled over had I been given the opportunity to do so.

While we were stopped on the narrow shoulder of I-75, many vehicles passed by within mere inches at a high rate of speed. Most vehicles did not move over into the other lane when passing our stopped vehicles. Despite the law for them to do so, most do not. I knew that would be the case, and therefore I felt it would be hazardous to stop where Trooper Eliassaint compelled me to under perceived threat of escalating force and perhaps lethal force.

In 2022 alone, there were 170 crashes in Florida because of drivers failing to move over. That's one every two days.

I believe that Trooper Eliassaint violated FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 39. He did not behave safely and professionally in conducting this pull over.

Why do you believe the person did this?

I believe Trooper Madochee Eliassaint was intent on finding any way to exercise his power over me because when he was driving at or below the speed limit in the left-hand lane on I-75 Alligator Alley, obstructing the flow of traffic (as evidenced from my dash camera) and violating Florida Statue 316.081(2), I passed him in the right-hand lane at 9 m.p.h. above the speed limit when no other motorist dared to.

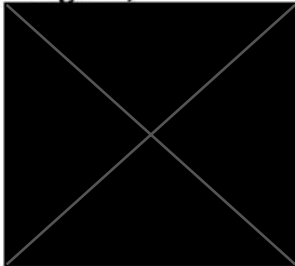
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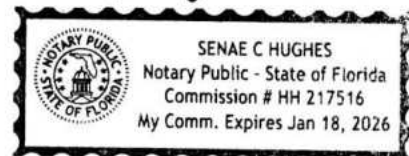
I, the undersigned, do hereby swear, under penalty of perjury, that, to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief, I have not knowingly or willfully deprived, or allowed another to deprive, the subject of the investigation of any of the rights contained in ss. 112.532 and 112.533, Florida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

Signed,



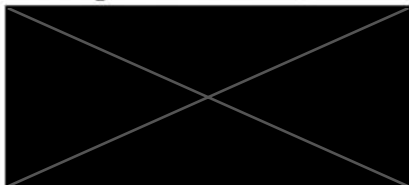
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF COLLIER
Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of
physical presence this 24th day of January, 2024.

Senae C Hughes
NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE




Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 34.

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?

 2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 34.

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 34. states that "reports submitted by members will be truthful and complete, and no member will knowingly make false statements, charges or allegations in connection with any citations..." Trooper Eliassaint falsified details of his arrest report in this incident. Florida Statue 837.06 states "Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree."

Many of the things that Trooper Eliassaint wrote in his arrest report is pure unadulterated fiction, which is proven such by my video, audio, and photo evidence.

Trooper Eliassaint wrote in his report:

1. *"I visually estimated the vehicle to be traveling at 85 mile per hour."*

This video clip (<http://bit.ly/fhsmv-video>) from my dash camera disproves that entirely. The white center lines in the road are all exactly 10 feet long. I passed 27 white lines in 10 seconds. That means 162 lines in 60 seconds. The lines are 10 feet long and there's 30 feet between them. That means in 60 seconds, passing 162 lines, I traveled 6,480 feet per minute. And 6,480 feet per minute is 73.64 m.p.h. The speed limit was 70 m.p.h. The count of 27 lines in 10 seconds was at the first available opportunity that Trooper Eliassaint could have seen me in his rearview. I then immediately saw the trooper and set my cruise control to 79 m.p.h. My dash cam footage proves unequivocally that I was traveling between 73.64 m.p.h. and 79 m.p.h. in the entire window of time that Trooper Eliassaint could observed me (of course, before he put on his lights, after which point I slowed to 0).

Trooper Madochee Eliassaint invented the 85 m.p.h. number in order to make it sound more reasonable to have pulled me over.

Trooper Eliassaint used the fabricated unlawful speed as a pretext to effectuate a traffic stop. While it is unlawful to exceed the posted speed limit, it is obvious from the video that my speed could in no way been anywhere close to what Eliassaint alleged.

2. *"I observed a vehicle traveling west at a higher rate of speed than the posted speed limit."*

My dash camera video disproves this statement. I was stuck behind traffic that was stuck behind Trooper Eliassaint, and we were all traveling at 69-70 m.p.h. The speed limit was 70 m.p.h.

3. *"[he] proceeded to pass my vehicle using the right lane and slowed down."*

My dash camera video disproves this statement. It is false because I never slowed down; I only sped up, and maintained that speed. I was going 70 m.p.h. when I made a lane change from the left lane into the right lane. As soon as I did, I saw Trooper Eliassaint's patrol car up ahead traveling in the left-hand lane and I set my cruise control for 79 m.p.h. So at the soonest possible moment that Trooper Eliassaint could have seen me, I was traveling at exactly the speed limit and slowly *accelerated* via

computer controlled throttle to 79 m.p.h. At no time did I slow down until after he activated his overhead lights.

4. *"I ran the expired Florida temp tag number DJI2946 attached to the vehicle. NCIC/FCIC indicated the tag no longer assign to that vehicle."*

This contradicts what FHP Officer Robinson at the FHP call center told [REDACTED] over the phone on a recorded line (I have a copy of the recording), as well as what the towing company record shows in writing (I have a copy of this, also), which was that my temp tag registration came back to Bourne Enterprises, which is the dealer (Bourne's Auto Center) who sold me the car a few weeks prior. Given I possessed in my glovebox at the time of the pullover a bill of sale from Bourne's Auto Center in my name, there should have been no question that the vehicle belonged to me. Further, I produced a FL vehicle registration certificate matching the vehicle and handed it to Trooper Eliassaint immediately upon being pulled over. This FL vehicle registration certificate was conclusive proof that my vehicle was registered, according to State v. Brooks 295 So.3d 348 (August 2020).

5. *"I made a lane change behind the vehicle and activated my emergency lights. The driver continued to travel west and failing to stop. I then activated my emergency siren and position my vehicle closer to his vehicle. The driver activated his hazard lights and continued west."*

This is not the accurate sequence of what happened as I recall it. As soon as Trooper Eliassaint turned on his lights, I acknowledged I saw him by turning on my hazard lights. I recall turning on my hazard lights before he activated his siren. Trooper Eliassaint waited a mere 17 seconds after activating his emergency lights before activating his siren – that's how impatient he was. As I explained to the Trooper as soon as he pulled me over – and it's recorded on video – the reason I did not immediately stop is because I felt there was nowhere safe to pull over.

6. *"He said he put on his hazards to indicate to me that he knew I was trying to stop him, but he was going to continue west until he gets to an exit to stop because he did not feel there was enough space for him to pull over."*

This is not completely accurate. I did not say I was going to travel until an exit, nor did I say I didn't feel there was enough space for me to pull over. What I told the Trooper was that my intention was to continue driving until there was a safer location to pull over.

7. *"I contacted FM regional communication center and the advised that there was no tag assigned to the vehicle."*

Again, this contradicts what FHP officer Robinson at the FHP call center and the towing company said as they both independently stated the tag was registered to Bourne Enterprises.

8. *"The driver was advised that his vehicle was going to get tow for no registration, and he would need to be transported off the interstate."*

This is not completely accurate. Both Trooper Eliassaint and Trooper Valdez initially told me that I could wait there and have someone come pick me up. Then a few minutes later, they changed their mind and told me I could not wait there and there was no way around the fact that I would be placed in the back of a police car.

9. *"He was advised that it was illegal to be on a limited access highway and we are required to transport him off the interstate to a safe location, but he refused."*

I did not state a definitive position that I will not depart the interstate. What I did was express my lack of satisfaction with that option and was asking questions to see if an alternative option could be reached that didn't have me placed in the undignified, questionably clean, and cramped backseat of a police car for, what I felt, was nothing more than a traffic infraction. I requested "60 seconds to think," and after about three seconds, Trooper Valdes told me to turn around and that I was under arrest.

10. *"The driver was then placed under arrest for unregistered motor vehicle, attaching tag not assigned and transported to the Collier County Jail without any incident."*

I was not arrested for "attaching tag not assigned." The sole and only thing that I was arrested for was "unregistered motor vehicle," despite the fact my vehicle was registered. The police did not discover my Montana license plate that was fully concealed behind my temporary tag until after I was already arrested and driven away to jail. The license plate on my car was not removed until after I was under arrest, and because my Montana plate in no way could have been seen until after the screws were removed from my vehicle holding on the license plate frame and the license plate frame removed from my vehicle, it is impossible that my Montana plate could have been known to them until *after* I was arrested and taken to jail. FYI The Montana plate was already in the process of being transferred to this vehicle (I have evidenced of this) and I was going to pull off the temp tag, exposing the Montana plate, only after I received the paperwork from the Montana DMV.

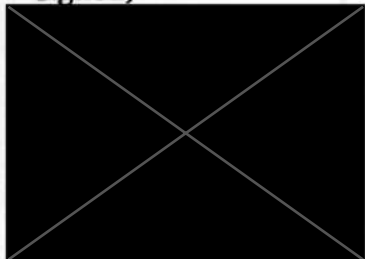
Why do you believe the person did this?

I don't know why some police lie. But one thing I do know is, as I was leaving the jail after being falsely incarcerated for 10 hours, two Sheriff's deputies in full uniform said


to me: "██████ there's only one thing you need to know: Never trust the police." And then they gave a great big smile and laughed. I replied "Wow, I guess that might be true, but I never expected to hear it come from the police."

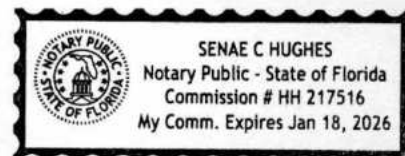
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Signed,



STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF COLLIER
Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of
physical presence this 24th day of January, 2024.


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Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 3.01 (Oath of Office)

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?



2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 3.01 (Oath of Office)

As a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, Trooper Eliassaint signed an oath to uphold the Florida Highway Patrol's Code of Conduct, which states "...I will support, protect and defend the Constitution..."

Trooper Eliassaint violated his Oath of Office and failed to protect the Constitution of the United States, as well as the State of Florida, in this incident. I was falsely arrested, had all of my freedoms and liberty revoked for 10 hours, and my vehicle was searched and seized with no warrant or probable cause.

The Florida Highway Patrol's Oath of Office further states "...I will abstain from all offensive personality or conduct unbecoming a police officer; I will perform my duties...impartially and with all due courtesy..."

Trooper Eliassaint demonstrated conduct unbecoming a police officer in multiple ways during this incident, including but not limited to:

- **Violating the Constitution** of the United States and the State of Florida, violating my Fourth Amendment rights, performing an illegal search and seizure, illegal arrest, and false imprisonment.
- **Violating state and federal law**, most notably Florida Statute 320.07(3)(a) and U.S. Code Title 18 Section 242. Trooper Eliassaint charged me with no motor vehicle registration, after I handed him my FL Vehicle Registration certificate showing the vehicle was registered to me and was just 19 days expired. 320.07(3)(a) expressly prohibits charging a citizen with anything more than a traffic infraction for vehicle registration expired less than six months.
- **Dereliction of duty in refusing to provide medical assistance** to a citizen in his custody.
- **Mistreating and refusal to communicate** with a compliant and calm citizen in his custody.
- **Excessively aggressive and dangerous driving** designed to intimidate.
- **Falsifying multiple details in his arrest report.**
- **Making false statements** to me during the incident, including:
 - A. That a tow truck was already on the way and could not be recalled, as justification for why I will not be permitted to call the dealership to have a date-refreshed temporary tag issued on the spot. When, in fact, the tow truck wasn't even called until long after my arrest.
 - B. The temporary tag on the back of my vehicle "comes back to nothing" and therefore "means nothing" and "is just a printed piece of paper." This was completely false and my temporary tag came back to "Bourne Enterprises," the dealer who sold me the vehicle just a few weeks prior, for which I had a bill of sale in the glovebox.
- **Violating Florida law 316.081(2).**

- Scoffing at me when I asked him to take care when towing my prized possession.
- **Obeying an illegal order** from a superior officer.
- **Needlessly costing a citizen thousands of dollars through illegal actions.**
- **Needlessly costing the State of Florida thousands of dollars in frivolous labor through illegal actions.**
- **Harassment, abuse of power, and frivolous use of police resources** by jailing a citizen for simply inching past him on the highway.
- **Needless escalation of a trivial violation.** Eliassaint permitted his ego to take priority over honest policing, escalating what should have been a mere warning at best, or a ticket at worst, into a wanton and illegal imprisonment.

Per FHP Policy 3.01.05, "failure to abide by the conditions and standards set forth in this oath will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct and may result in disciplinary action."

This interaction that occurred on [REDACTED] 2023 demonstrates the consequences of officers serving their egos rather than focusing on the community's actual law enforcement needs.

Why do you believe the person did this?

I believe Trooper Madochee Eliassaint was intent on finding any way to exercise his power over me because when he was driving at or below the speed limit in the left-hand lane on I-75 Alligator Alley, obstructing the flow of traffic (as evidenced from my dash camera) and violating Florida Statue 316.081(2), I passed him in the right-hand lane at 9 m.p.h. above the speed limit when no other motorist dared to.

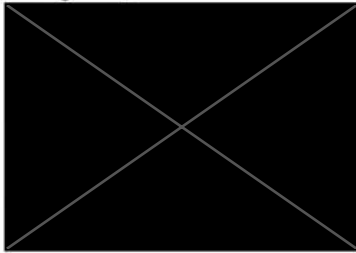
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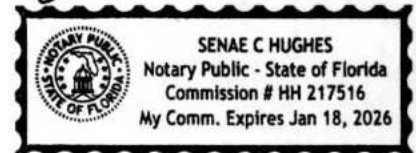
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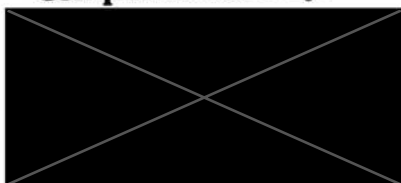
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Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 3.02 (Code of Ethics)

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?



2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 3.02 (Code of Ethics)

Trooper Eliassaint violated FHP's Code of Ethics on multiple counts. As a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, Trooper Eliassaint signed an oath to uphold the FHP's Code of Ethics, which includes a sworn declaration to:

| ***"...Respect the Constitutional rights of all people"***

Trooper Eliassaint violated both my U.S. and Florida Constitutional rights by depriving me of my freedom and liberty without warrant or probable cause, and searching and seizing my vehicle without consent under the justification of an arrest which proved to be unlawful.

I incurred over \$1,400 in direct cash expenses as a result of Trooper Eliassaint's misfeasance, including \$439 to get my vehicle released from impound, a \$345 non-refundable fee paid to a bail bondsman to get myself released from jail, and \$200 to have the tear in my passenger seat repaired that was caused by one of the troopers in their unlawful search of my vehicle.

| ***"...Develop self-restraint; be constantly mindful of the welfare of others."***
| ***"I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings...to influence my decisions."***

The definition of "officiously" is: "Assertive of authority in an annoyingly domineering way, especially with regard to petty or trivial matters." Yet, despite a vow to never act officiously, Trooper Eliassaint needlessly escalated a trivial violation into an unlawful arrest and illegal search and seizure due to being aggravated by someone inching past him on the highway.

Trooper Eliassaint in this incident executed as unnecessary of an arrest as any could possibly be. In fact, so unnecessary that such an arrest is expressly prohibited by Florida law (Statute 320.07(3)(a)). What is usually a warning, or sometimes a ticket, perplexingly devolved into a full-blown unlawful arrest.

Even Florida Judge Debra Krause was flabbergasted by these events, stating "I have never had a situation where an individual has been arrested and incarcerated solely for having a vehicle registration expired less than one month. The statute specifically states that vehicle registration expired less than 6 months is a civil infraction so I can't imagine a scenario where law enforcement would arrest an individual merely on that charge." And yet that's exactly what Trooper Eliassaint did in direct defiance of the law.

It is clear that Trooper Eliassaint put his own ego above honest policing, and permitted his personal feelings to influence his decisions.

| ***"Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life"***

Trooper Eliassaint was matter-of-factly dishonest in his written arrest report and made no less than ten (10) false or inaccurate statements.

Trooper Eliassaint also made two material false statements to me during the incident which affected the course of events: 1. That I could not rectify the expired temporary tag because a tow truck was already on the way and could not be recalled. I later learned that the tow truck was not called until long after my arrest. 2. That the temporary tag on the back of my vehicle "comes back to nothing" and "is just a printed piece of paper," which justified the troopers in arresting me for

having an unregistered motor vehicle. I learned later this was a lie and my temporary tag was properly assigned.


| ***"I will enforce the law courteously"***

No courtesy, nor patience, was extended by Trooper Eliassaint in this incident. In my attempts to deescalate and resolve the situation, I asked Trooper Eliassaint and Valdes if I could place a quick call to my selling dealership as I was confident they could have issued a new temporary tag within minutes while we were on the roadside. After all, it was 1pm on a Thursday. However, both troopers did not allow this. 16 minutes into the traffic stop, I asked for permission to call the dealership. They said "No, a tow truck is already on the way and it's getting towed and there's nothing you can do about it." When, in fact, according to the towing company's records, the towing company wasn't called until 2:05pm, more than 45 minutes later, and didn't arrive on scene until 2:29pm.

Had Trooper Eliassaint given me the courtesy of just five minutes to call the dealership who sold me the vehicle just a few weeks prior, a new temp tag could have been issued instantly during this traffic stop. Which should have deescalated the entire incident.

The morning after I was released from jail, my dealer had a new temp tag issued and emailed to me within three minutes, proving this entire situation could have been resolved right there on the street if only Trooper Eliassaint had extended me the courtesy of a quick phone call. But Trooper Eliassaint evidently did not want this to be easy for me.

Trooper Eliassaint did not permit me any opportunity to resolve the situation and prevent further escalation.

Further, while I was sitting in the back of his patrol car in handcuffs, I politely asked Trooper Eliassaint to be careful when they tow my vehicle because it's an expensive car (that I just purchased a few weeks prior). He sneered, laughed, and quipped "you for real?" I said 'yes, you would have liability if there's any damage.' And then he laughed again, acting as though he can damage anyone's property and there's nothing anyone can do about it. FHP policy 11.04.03 A. states that it is the policy of the Florida Highway Patrol "to protect the property of arrested individuals." Ironically, the troopers did damage my vehicle and installed a three-inch tear in the leather passenger seat of my  (photo attached).

| ***"Protect the weak against oppression or intimidation"***

When pulling me over, Trooper Eliassaint demonstrated excessively aggressive and dangerous driving designed to intimidate. Trooper Eliassaint exercised no

progressive escalation as one would reasonably expect. Instead, just 17 seconds after activating his overhead lights to pull me over, and after I had turned on my hazard lights and slowed down to acknowledge I saw him, Trooper Eliassaint began driving so aggressively and dangerously that it appeared to me as though he was readying to PIT me at highway speed and I began to fear for my life. (My reason for proceeding at reduced speed with my hazard lights activated was to continue for one to two minutes to find a safe place to pullover as the shoulder was narrow.)

Just 17 seconds after activation of his overhead lights, simultaneously, with the activation of his piercer siren, he floored his Charger and immediately began driving within mere inches of the left side of my rear bumper while we were at highway speed on I-75. He then abruptly veered into the lefthand lane (I was in the righthand lane) and came up along the driver-side of my vehicle.

In my nearly 20 years of driving, I've never had a police officer ever be so aggressive and intimidating with his driving and so immediately so with no valid justification for such immediate aggressive behavior. I genuinely feared he was going to strike my vehicle and run me off the road. His driving was intimidating, oppressive, and extremely excessive given the situation, conditions, and duration.

After 22 seconds of being terrorized by Trooper Eliassaint with his dangerous and erratic driving and nonstop use of his piercer siren, I decided to pull over on the unsafe shoulder to avoid further escalation of his aggressive behavior.

| ***"I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department."***

Trooper Eliassaint disobeyed state and federal law, and violated nearly 20 FHP regulations during this incident.

I want to be clear: Trooper Eliassaint incarcerated me because my vehicle registration was 19 days expired. No warrant, no weapons charge, no drugs, no reckless driving, no suspended drivers license, not even a single past driving infraction; just a vehicle registration that expired 19 days prior. And not due to inaction on my part, but because of a delay within the DMV's processing. And for that, my car was impounded, I was arrested, hauled 20 miles to jail while sitting on my wrists, relieved of all of my belongings and clothing, and given an orange jumpsuit and a raw concrete slab to sit on for 9 hours. **This could almost be the very definition of oppression.**

Trooper Eliassaint violated the Florida Highway Patrol's Code of Ethics on multiple counts, and if such violations go overlooked, the Code of Ethics are rendered

meaningless. It is only if the words contained within the Florida Highway Patrol's Code of Ethics are strictly enforced do they have any value.

Why do you believe the person did this?

I believe Trooper Madochee Eliassaint was intent on finding any way to exercise his power over me because when he was driving at or below the speed limit in the left-hand lane on I-75 Alligator Alley, obstructing the flow of traffic (as evidenced from my dash camera) and violating Florida Statue 316.081(2), I passed him in the right-hand lane at 9 m.p.h. above the speed limit when no other motorist dared to.

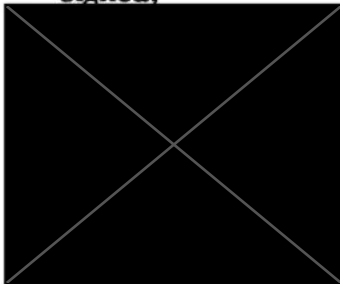
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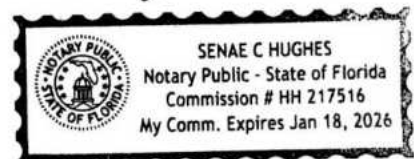
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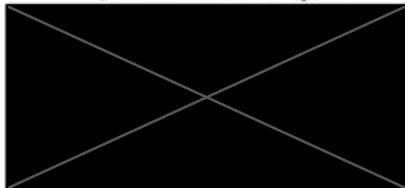
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Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of
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NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE



Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 2.02 (Values)

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?



2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 2.02 (Values)

The Florida Highway Patrol has only three values in their mission statement. Trooper Madochee Eliassaint, during this incident, violated all three.

| *Courtesy "Treat others fairly and professionally."*

One of FHP's key tenets is to "treat others fairly." Nothing was fair about the way Trooper Eliassaint treated me during this incident. Nothing is fair about imprisoning a human being and relieving them of their vehicle because their registration was a mere two weeks expired, and not granting them a quick phone call to rectify the issue. FHP's values talk about "treating each individual with

courtesy and consideration" and "respect for individual rights." Trooper Eliassaint displayed no respect for my rights and gave no consideration or courtesy to me to correct the problem he identified. Trooper Eliassaint took issue with the fact that my temporary tag, on the vehicle I just purchased a few weeks prior, was 19 days expired. Had I been permitted to make a quick phone call from the roadside, as I had requested, to the dealership who sold me the vehicle, I would have had a renewed temporary registration issued in less than five minutes right there on the side of the road. But Trooper Eliassaint showed me no such courtesy, patience, consideration or respect, and instead decided to unlawfully arrest me, incarcerate me, and search and seize my vehicle.

Despite my not having signed an oath to uphold the FHP's value of courtesy, I treated the troopers with the utmost courtesy and professionalism during this entire incident. Unfortunately, that courtesy was not reciprocated. Despite being fully compliant and never at any time being disrespectful, sarcastic, or antagonistic, nor raising my voice to the troopers, I was not treated fairly and professionally.

Furthermore, there was nothing fair or professional about the way Trooper Eliassaint pulled me over. He demonstrated excessively aggressive and dangerous driving designed to intimidate, including abrupt and erratic driving just inches from my vehicle at highway speed, and the nonstop use of his piercer siren – the loudest and most aggressive sounding siren at his disposable. In my nearly 20 years of driving, I've never had a police officer ever be so aggressive and intimidating with his driving and so immediately so with no valid justification for such immediate aggressive behavior. I genuinely feared he was going to strike my vehicle and run me off the road a mere 17 seconds after first activating his overhead lights. His driving was intimidating, oppressive, and extremely excessive given the situation, conditions, and duration.

Trooper Eliassaint refused to give me any opportunity to rectify the problem, refused to give me any time to consider the options presented to me, refused to answer many of my questions, and caused repeated escalation of a situation which could have easily been defused.

After I was handcuffed and placed in the back of his patrol car, Trooper Eliassaint ignored almost every question I asked him, despite my remaining completely calm and cool-headed. It was the first time that I truly felt I was no longer a human being, or even alive. I asked Trooper Eliassaint if he could loosen my cuffs as they were too tight and hurting me and his flippant reply was "If the handcuffs were really that tight, you would be screaming in pain!" I had bruising and red marks around my wrists until the following day.

| ***Service “Render aid and assistance to members of the public.”***

Trooper Madochee Eliassaint refused to provide medical assistance when it requested by a person in his custody.

Immediately upon being handcuffed, I explained to Trooper Eliassaint that I was dehydrated and in desperate need of water. He said there was no way to get me water. I explained there's bottled water in my vehicle, a mere few steps away, and asked if he could please just bring me a bottle of water from my vehicle as it is a medical emergency. He ignored my pleas. He told me that once I'm handcuffed I cannot be handed anything and the handcuffs are not allowed to come off. I asked if he could just hold the bottle of water up to my mouth so I could drink it. He said no. This was not a fabrication; I have a long-standing history since childhood of being very easily dehydrated, especially in stressful situations. I made it clear to Trooper Eliassaint multiple times that I was dehydrated and in desperate need of water and he refused to do anything. He genuinely treated me as though I didn't even exist; as though I wasn't even alive or a human being.

| ***Protection***

The Florida Highway Patrol's values state “The protection of the rights afforded all individuals by the United States Constitution and the Florida Constitution is the core of our mission.” Trooper Eliassaint failed the core of FHP's mission as my Constitutional rights were thoroughly violated during this incident, my freedoms and liberty revoked, and my belongings and vehicle searched and seized. Trooper Eliassaint failed to preserve and protect the Constitution in this incident.

Why do you believe the person did this?

I believe Trooper Madochee Eliassaint was intent on finding any way to exercise his power over me because when he was driving at or below the speed limit in the left-hand lane on I-75 Alligator Alley, obstructing the flow of traffic (as evidenced from my dash camera) and violating Florida Statue 316.081(2), I passed him in the right-hand lane at 9 m.p.h. above the speed limit when no other motorist dared to.

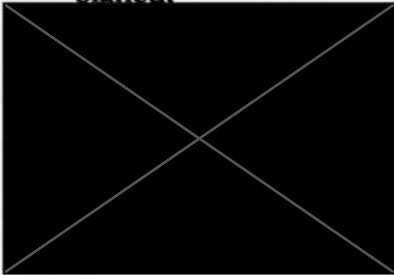
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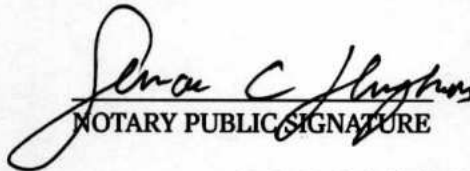
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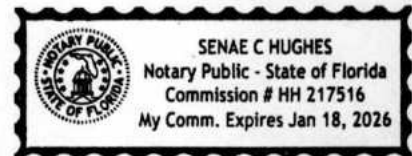
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NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE



Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 2.01 (Mission)

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?



2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 2.01 (Mission)

Trooper Eliassaint's actions during this incident cannot be found to align with any of the eight parts of the Florida Highway Patrol's Mission, specified in 2.01.05 B. of the FHP Policy Manual. Nowhere within the FHP's mission is it described that troopers should be incarcerating citizens and seizing their property for a mere traffic infraction.

The Florida Highway Patrol has six stated goals: Improve traffic safety; interdict criminal activity; enhance homeland security; provide communications; retain, develop, and recruit quality employees; and efficiently acquire and deploy resources. Not a single one of those stated goals were forwarded in this incident. Trooper

Eliassaint accomplished nothing within the FHP's mission or goals during this incident, and in fact, actually worked counter to them.

My contact with FHP around 1 p.m. on [REDACTED] 2023 was not a reasonable police stop. It was as unnecessary an arrest as any could possibly be. What should have been a mere warning, or a ticket at worst, was unjustifiably escalated into a wanton and illegal imprisonment and egregious violation of my constitutional rights. And that opinion is supported by more than half a dozen Florida judges I have spoken with about this incident. There is no reason a simple ticket couldn't have been issued. In fact, Florida law demands it and prohibits an arrest for the very reason the troopers did so (Florida Statue 320.07(3)(a)).

It would be hard to measure the total number of man-hours that Trooper Eliassaint has caused to be needlessly expended as a result of his misfeasance and unprofessional policing, from all of the time the three troopers involved in this incident spent on-scene and doing paperwork, to the countless hours away from work I was forced to endure as a result of being falsely arrested and having to go retrieve my vehicle from impound and then later my gun from police lockup, as well as the dozens of hours to write all of these reports so that it is known how these troopers failed the law and failed the FHP's and State's policies, to the hours spent speaking to attorneys and judges, to the hours FHSMV employees had to spend collecting information and responding to my FOIA requests for evidence, to the courts time to hear and dismiss all charges, to your time to read and investigate all of these accusations.

It would be hard to quantify the totality of economic damage needlessly caused by Trooper Eliassaint's failure to follow the law and follow policy during this incident, but it is certainly in the five figures.

The trooper's egos, specifically Eliassaint as the lead, compromised the troop's ability to do professional policing and cost dozens of people hundreds of hours of needless work in the process, including untold cost to the State of Florida.

Trooper Eliassaint thoroughly violated the Florida Highway Patrol's Mission Statement, and if such violations go overlooked, the mission statement is rendered meaningless as the only way the words contained within the Florida Highway Patrol's mission statement have any value is if they are strictly enforced.

This incident that occurred on [REDACTED] 2023 demonstrates the consequences of officers serving their egos rather than focusing on the community's actual law enforcement needs.

Why do you believe the person did this?

I believe Trooper Madochee Eliassaint was intent on finding any way to exercise his power over me because when he was driving at or below the speed limit in the left-hand lane on I-75 Alligator Alley, obstructing the flow of traffic (as evidenced from my dash camera) and violating Florida Statue 316.081(2), I passed him in the right-hand lane at 9 m.p.h. above the speed limit when no other motorist dared to.

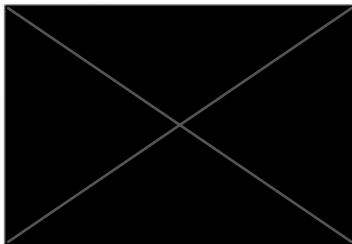
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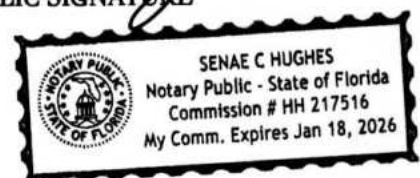
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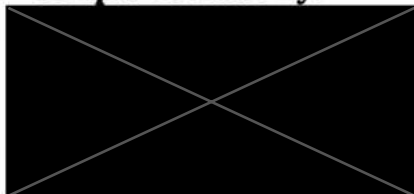
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Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 6.

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?



2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

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What other agencies have been notified?

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How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 6.

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 6. states that troopers must conduct themselves in a manner such that their actions and behavior reflect favorably on the Division and will not engage in conduct which discredits the integrity of the Division.

Trooper Eliassaint initiated and led the unlawful arrest of a citizen for vehicle registration just 19 days expired, in direct violation of Florida Statue 320.07(3)(a);

he conducted an illegal search and seizure of my vehicle;

deprived me of my Constitutional Forth Amendment rights;

failed to render medical assistance to a person in his custody;

falsified multiple details in his arrest report;

made multiple materially false statements to me during the incident that effected the course of events;

obeyed an illegal order from a superior officer;

needlessly costed a citizen thousands of dollars;

exercised frivolous use of police resources that forwarded none of FHP's mission or goals and only acted counter to them;

engaged in excessively aggressive and dangerous driving during the pullover;

acted officiously, dishonestly, unprofessionally, and without courtesy throughout this incident;

needlessly escalated a trivial traffic infraction, which could have been easily resolved in minutes had Trooper Eliassaint allowed the courtesy of a quick phone call;

broke no less than twenty-three (23) federal and state laws, and state and FHP policies.

Such an unnecessary and unlawful arrest, without probable cause or warrant, and numerous other violations, with clear ignorance of the law, discredits the integrity of the Division and the entire organization of the state police. There is no American citizen who would look favorably upon police incarcerating a citizen because the dealer temp tag on his new car was two weeks expired (due entirely to DMV processing delays). The conduct exhibited by Trooper Eliassaint in this incident damages the integrity of not just the Division, but law enforcement as a whole.

As a 20-year journalist and former public relations executive, I know for a fact that Americans would be outraged if they learned what happened here. To be pulled over by the police, your vehicle confiscated, you arrested (for the first time in your life), hauled 20 miles to the county jail while sitting on your handcuffed wrists, relieved of all of your belongings and stripped of your clothing, and given an orange jumpsuit and a raw concrete slab to sit on for 9 hours... just because your vehicle registration was 19 days expired on the new vehicle you just purchased?! That could serve as a precise

definition of tyranny. There is no sane world in which Trooper Eliassaint's actions in this incident do not reflect poorly upon, and discredit, the integrity of the Division.

Why do you believe the person did this?

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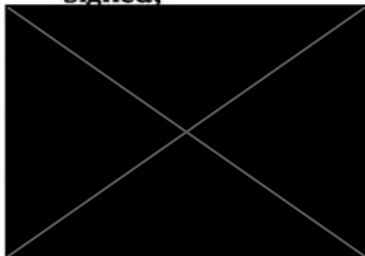
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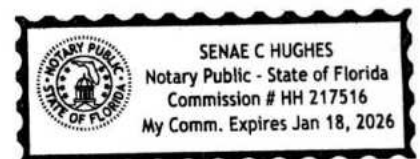
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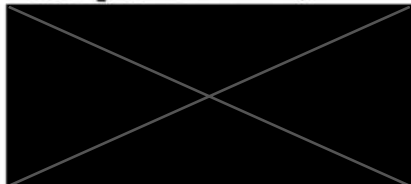
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Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of Florida Administrative Code Chapter 60L-36.005(f)

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?

 2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

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Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

Florida Administrative Code Chapter 60L-36.005(f)

Florida Administrative Code Chapter 60L-36.005(f) regulates "conduct unbecoming a public employee" and states: "Employees shall conduct themselves, on and off the job, in a manner that will not bring discredit or embarrassment to the state."

Trooper Eliassaint demonstrated conduct unbecoming that discredits and embarrasses the state in multiple ways during this incident, including but not limited to:

- **Violating the Constitution** of the United States and the State of Florida, violating my Fourth Amendment rights, performing an illegal search and seizure, illegal arrest, and false imprisonment.
- **Violating state and federal law**, most notably Florida Statute 320.07(3)(a) and U.S. Code Title 18 Section 242. Trooper Eliassaint charged me with no motor vehicle registration, after I handed him my FL Vehicle Registration certificate showing the vehicle was registered to me and was just 19 days expired. 320.07(3)(a) expressly prohibits charging a citizen with anything more than a traffic infraction for vehicle registration expired less than six months.
- **Dereliction of duty in refusing to provide medical assistance** to a citizen in his custody.
- **Mistreating and refusal to communicate** with a compliant and calm citizen in his custody.
- **Excessively aggressive and dangerous driving** designed to intimidate.
- **Falsifying multiple details in his arrest report.**
- **Making false statements** to me during the incident, including:
 - A. That a tow truck was already on the way and could not be recalled, as justification for why I will not be permitted to call the dealership to have a date-refreshed temporary tag issued on the spot. When, in fact, the tow truck wasn't even called until long after my arrest.
 - B. The temporary tag on the back of my vehicle "comes back to nothing" and therefore "means nothing" and "is just a printed piece of paper." This was completely false and my temporary tag came back to "Bourne Enterprises," the dealer who sold me the vehicle just a few weeks prior, for which I had a bill of sale in the glovebox.
- **Violating Florida law 316.081(2).**
- **Scoffing at me** when I asked him to take care when towing my prized possession.
- **Obedying an illegal order** from a superior officer.
- **Needlessly costing a citizen thousands of dollars through illegal actions.**

- **Needlessly costing the State of Florida thousands of dollars in frivolous labor through illegal actions.**
- **Harassment, abuse of power, and frivolous use of police resources** by jailing a citizen for simply inching past him on the highway.
- **Needless escalation of a trivial violation.** Eliassaint permitted his ego to take priority over honest policing, escalating what should have been a mere warning at best, or a ticket at worst, into a wanton and illegal imprisonment.

| Section (f)1 of Florida Administrative Code Chapter 60L-36.005 states:
“Employees shall be courteous, considerate, respectful, and prompt in dealing with and serving the public and co-workers.”


No courtesy, nor respect, was extended by Trooper Eliassaint in this incident. In my attempts to deescalate and resolve the situation, I asked Trooper Eliassaint and Valdes if I could place a quick call to my selling dealership as I was confident they could have issued a new temporary tag within minutes while we were on the roadside. After all, it was 1pm on a Thursday. However, both troopers did not allow this. 16 minutes into the traffic stop, I asked for permission to call the dealership. They said “No, a tow truck is already on the way and it’s getting towed and there’s nothing you can do about it.” When, in fact, according to the towing company’s records, the towing company wasn’t called until 2:05pm, more than 45 minutes later, and didn’t arrive on scene until 2:29pm.

Had Trooper Eliassaint given me the courtesy of just five minutes to call the dealership who sold me the vehicle just a few weeks prior, a new temp tag could have been issued instantly during this traffic stop. Which should have deescalated the entire incident.

The morning after I was released from jail, my dealer had a new temp tag issued and emailed to me within three minutes, proving this entire situation could have been resolved right there on the street if only Trooper Eliassaint had extended me the courtesy of a quick phone call.

Trooper Eliassaint failed to exercise any courtesy and consideration and did not permit me any opportunity to resolve the situation and prevent further escalation.

Further, while I was sitting in the back of his patrol car in handcuffs, I politely asked Trooper Eliassaint to be careful when they tow my vehicle because it’s an expensive car (that I just purchased a few weeks prior). He sneered, laughed, and quipped “you for real?” I said ‘yes, you would have liability if there’s any damage.’ And then he

laughed again, acting as though he can damage anyone's property and there's nothing anyone can do about it. FHP policy 11.04.03 A. states that it is the policy of the Florida Highway Patrol "to protect the property of arrested individuals." Ironically, the troopers did damage my vehicle and installed a three-inch tear in the leather passenger seat of my  (photo attached).

No consideration was extended by Trooper Eliassaint, either. Immediately upon being handcuffed, I explained to Trooper Eliassaint that I was dehydrated and in desperate need of water. He said there was no way to get me water. I explained there's bottled water in my vehicle, a mere few steps away, and asked if he could please just bring me a bottle of water from my vehicle as it is a medical emergency. He ignored my pleas. He told me that once I'm handcuffed I cannot be handed anything and the handcuffs are not allowed to come off. I asked if he could just hold the bottle of water up to my mouth so I could drink it. He said no. This was not a fabrication; I have a long-standing history since childhood of being very easily dehydrated, especially in stressful situations. I made it clear to Trooper Eliassaint multiple times that I was dehydrated and in desperate need of water and he refused to do anything. He genuinely treated me as though I didn't even exist; as though I wasn't even alive or a human being.

| **Section (f)2 of Florida Administrative Code Chapter 60L-36.005 states:**
"Employees shall maintain high standards of honesty, integrity, and impartiality. Employees shall place the interests of the public ahead of personal interests."

Trooper Eliassaint failed in his duty to maintain **honesty** and **integrity** and made no less than ten (10) false or inaccurate statements in his written arrest report. I go into extensive detail in a separate attached complaint for his violation of FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 34.

Trooper Eliassaint also made two material false statements to me during this incident which affected the course of events: 1. That I could not rectify the expired temporary tag because a tow truck was already on the way and could not be recalled. I later learned that the tow truck was not called until long after my arrest. 2. That the temporary tag on the back of my vehicle "comes back to nothing" and "is just a printed piece of paper," which justified the troopers in arresting me for having an unregistered motor vehicle. I learned later this was a lie and my temporary tag was properly assigned.

Trooper Eliassaint **placed his own interests ahead of the public** by permitting his ego to take priority over honest policing, escalating what should have been a mere warning at best, or a ticket at worst, into a wanton and illegal imprisonment, and

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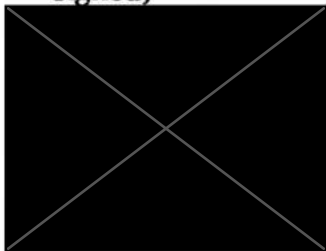
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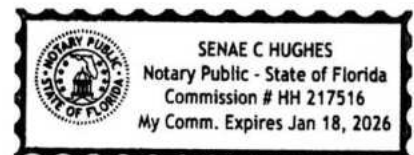
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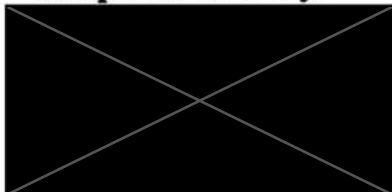
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Formal Complaint Against:
FHP Trooper Madochee Eliassaint (#4615)
For Violation of FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 19.

Complaint Made By:



When did this take place?



2023 at 12:58pm EST

Where did this take place?

I-75 Alligator Alley

Who was involved?

Myself and FHP Troopers Madochee Eliassaint (#4615), Jonathan Valdes (#1199) and (via cell phone) their supervisor Jose Lima (#3275).

What other agencies have been notified?

None as of the date of writing.

Who else is aware of this?

State Attorney Pamela Vega and Collier County Judge Blake Adams, who dismissed all charges and citations issued for the activity this complaint references.

How was this activity carried out?

I was unlawfully arrested on the side of the highway for vehicle registration 19 days expired and incarcerated for 10 hours in the Collier County jail.

What specific law or policy was violated?

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 19.

FHP Policy 30.03.06 A. 19. states that troopers "will be courteous to the public" and "will control their tempers, and exercise the utmost patience and discretion and will not engage in argumentative discussions even in the face of extreme provocation."

Trooper Eliassaint was not courteous, did not control his temper, and did not exercise patience during this incident. Nothing is courteous about imprisoning a human being and relieving them of their vehicle because their registration was a mere 19 days expired. Let alone doing so being in direct violation of Florida law, Statue 320.07(3)(a).

Refusal to Deescalate

Trooper Eliassaint took issue with the fact that my temporary tag, on the vehicle I just purchased, was 19 days expired. In my attempts to deescalate and resolve the situation, I asked Trooper Eliassaint if I could place a quick call to my selling dealership as I was confident they could have issued a renewed temporary registration issued in less than five minutes right there on the side of the road. After all, it was 1pm on a Thursday.

However, Trooper Eliassaint did not allow this. He was intent on illegally seizing my vehicle. The troopers told me "A tow truck is already on the way and it's getting towed and there's nothing you can do about it." When, in fact, according to the towing company's records, the towing company wasn't called until 2:05pm, more than 45 minutes later and long after he arrested me – and didn't arrive on scene until 2:29pm.

Had Trooper Eliassaint given me the courtesy of just a couple of minutes to call the dealership who sold me the vehicle just a few weeks prior, a new temp tag could have been issued instantly during this traffic stop. Which should have deescalated the entire incident. But Trooper Eliassaint showed me no such courtesy and instead chose to unlawfully arrest me, incarcerate me, and search and seize my vehicle.

The morning after I was released from jail, my dealer had a new temp tag issued and emailed to me within three minutes, proving this entire situation could have been resolved right there on the street if only Trooper Eliassaint had extended me the courtesy of a quick phone call.

Trooper Eliassaint failed to exercise any courtesy by not permitting me any opportunity to resolve the situation and needlessly escalated a trivial traffic infraction, which could have been easily resolved in minutes had he allowed the courtesy of a quick phone call.


Refusal to Provide Medical Assistance to a Person in his Custody

Immediately after I was handcuffed, I explained to Trooper Eliassaint that I was dehydrated and in desperate need of water. He said there was no way to get me water. I explained there's bottled water in my vehicle, a mere few steps away, and asked if he could please just bring me a bottle of water from my vehicle as it is a medical emergency. He ignored my pleas.

Trooper Eliassaint told me that once I'm handcuffed I cannot be handed anything and the handcuffs are not allowed to come off. I asked if he could just hold the bottle of water up to my mouth so I could drink it. He said no. This was not a fabrication; I have

a long-standing history since childhood of being very easily dehydrated, especially in stressful situations. I made it clear to Trooper Eliassaint multiple times that I was dehydrated and in desperate need of water and he refused to do anything, resorting to outright ignoring me. He genuinely treated me as though I didn't even exist; as though I wasn't even alive or a human being.

Disregard for a Person's Property

While I was sitting in the back of his patrol car in handcuffs, I politely asked Trooper Eliassaint to be careful when they tow my vehicle because it's an expensive car (that I just purchased a few weeks prior). He sneered, laughed, and quipped "you for real?" I said 'yes, you would have liability if there's any damage.' And then he laughed again, acting as though he can damage anyone's property and there's nothing anyone can do about it. FHP policy 11.04.03 A. states that it is the policy of the Florida Highway Patrol "to protect the property of arrested individuals." Ironically, the troopers did damage my vehicle and installed a three-inch tear in the leather passenger seat of my  (photo attached).

Failure to Control His Temper and Exercise Patience

Furthermore, there was nothing fair or professional about the way Trooper Eliassaint pulled me over. He demonstrated excessively aggressive and dangerous driving designed to intimidate, including abrupt and erratic driving just inches from my vehicle at highway speed, and the nonstop use of his piercer siren – the loudest and most aggressive sounding siren at his disposable. In my nearly 20 years of driving, I've never had a police officer ever be so aggressive and intimidating with his driving and so immediately so with no valid justification for such immediate aggressive behavior. I genuinely feared he was going to strike my vehicle and run me off the road a mere 17 seconds after first activating his overhead lights. His driving was intimidating, oppressive, and extremely excessive given the situation, conditions, and duration.

No Courtesy or Consideration (or Humanity)

After I was handcuffed and placed in the back of his patrol car, Trooper Eliassaint ignored almost every question I asked him, despite my remaining completely calm and cool-headed. It was the first time that I truly felt I was no longer a human being, or even alive. I asked Trooper Eliassaint if he could loosen my cuffs as they were too tight and hurting me and his flippant reply was "If the handcuffs were really that tight, you would be screaming in pain!" I had bruising and red marks around my wrists until the following day.

Throughout the entirety of this incident, I treated the troopers with the utmost courtesy and professionalism. Unfortunately, that courtesy was not reciprocated. I was immediately compliant with everything requested of me, and at no time was I disrespectful, sarcastic, or antagonistic to any troopers in this incident. I simply asked intelligent questions and politely requested to speak to a supervisor – which was repeatedly denied – while fully complying with whatever I was told to do, and then I was unlawfully jailed and relieved of my vehicle in the middle of the Everglades.

I want to be clear: Trooper Eliassaint arrested me because my vehicle registration was 19 days expired. No warrant, no weapons charge, no drugs, no reckless driving, no suspended drivers license, not even a single past driving infraction; just a vehicle registration that expired 19 days prior. And not due to inaction on my part, but because of a delay within the DMV's processing. And for that, my car was impounded, I was arrested, hauled 20 miles to jail while sitting on my wrists, relieved of all of my belongings and clothing, and given an orange jumpsuit and a raw concrete slab to sit on for 9 hours.

What occurred was as unnecessary an arrest as any could possibly be. What should have been a mere warning, or a ticket at worst, was unjustifiably escalated into a wanton and illegal imprisonment and egregious violation of my constitutional rights. And that opinion is supported by more than half a dozen Florida judges I have spoken with about this incident. There is no reason a simple ticket couldn't have been issued. In fact, Florida Statue 320.07(3)(a) specifically prohibits the arrest of a person for precisely the reason Eliassaint arrested me.

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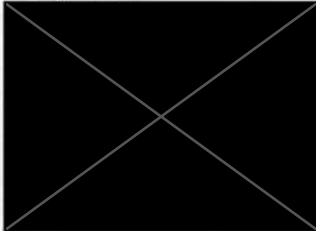
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