

OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA PASCO AND PINELLAS COUNTIES

July 12, 2005

Re: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST - Case No.: CTC04-646179XASP

Bernie McCabe, State Attorney, as custodian of the records, has asked me to respond to your public record request dated and received by our office on June 21, 2005, for a copy of the video of the incident and any documents available as public record in the above-referenced file. The video tape in our file is blank. A copy was introduced into evidence in this case and is available from the clerk of court. C7C 04646179 XASP

Enclosed are copies of the public records of our file which you requested. We rely on the following exemptions applicable to public records: Sec. 119.07(6)(aa), 119.0721(1), and 943.053, Fla. Stats. Also enclosed is an invoice for fees for copying as specified in Ch. 119, Fla. Stats., of fifteen cents per page for single-sided records and twenty cents per page for two-sided records, plus postage. Please make your check payable to the State of Florida for the amount of the invoice.

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Sincerely yours, BERNIE McCABE, State Attorney

C. Marie King

Assistant State Attorney



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[RESULTS]

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Urine Sample Refused

F.S.T. SCENE DESCRIPTION

The Field Sobriety Tests were administered in the police station.

OFFICER ACTIONS/OBSERVATIONS

I was on my way in to work for 6:00pm check on. I was driving my own vehicle on Gandy Blvd in Tampa when I saw a gray Toyota Camry in the curb lane next to me. I noted the driver kept accelerating toward the car in front of him then stopping short. Traffic was heavy and the driver did this repeatedly while next to me. The driver was eating fried chicken and was throwing chicken bones out through his open driver side window. Just east of Manhattan Ave in Tampa, the driver swerved sharply in front of me almost making contact with my right front fender. I gave the driver extra room watched as he continued to accelerate toward the cars in front of him then step on his brakes hard causing his vehicle to dip down each time. The driver continued this driving practice until I lost sight of him near Westshore Blvd.

I found myself behind the vehicle again at Gandy Blvd and 9 St in St. Petersburg. I watched as the driver continued the same dangerous driving practice in front of me. Traffic was still heavy. It appeared the driver was now finished with his chicken as no bones were coming out of the window. driver did not appear to be occupied by anything else. I stayed behind the vehicle as the driver continued to drive dangerously on Gandy Blvd. He almost struck the rear of a maroon mini van in front of him just west of 9 St. suspected the driver may be impaired. I contacted Ofc. S. Newell via cell phone and informed him of what I was observing. Ofc. Newell was in his unmarked police cruiser on his way into the police station to check on as well. Since the suspect driver and I were now southbound on the interstate, I had Ofc. Newell wait at 38 Ave No to intercept us. The driver continued to drive dangerously in the same manner. He almost struck a vehicle as he merged into the right lane from the Gandy Blvd on ramp. The driver stayed in the right lane and continued to hit his brakes hard as he came close to vehicles in front of him.

Ofc. Newell activated his in-car video system as he attempted to intercept us on the interstate. As it happened, there were two gray Toyotas on the interstate ahead of me. Ofc. Newell at first stopped the other gray Toyota but caught back up to us at 5 Ave. Apparently the driver of the other Toyota saw the same driving patterns I was observing because he was pointing Ofc. Newell in the direction of the correct vehicle. As Ofc. Newell caught up to us, the driver almost struck a vehicle in front of him. This incident was caught on Ofc. Newell's video camera. This driving action was representative of the dangerous driving I witnessed since first seeing the vehicle in South Tampa.

Ofc. Newell initiated a traffic stop at my request. The vehicle pulled over in the shoulder on a bridge. Ofc. Newell and I approached the driver. I immediately saw he had a blank, dazed and uncomprehending expression. The driver was identified as John Hamel by his Florida drivers license. I asked

Hamel to step out of the vehicle to speak with me further. Hamel did not respond. I cpened the door and asked him to step out. I noted he was unsteady on his feet as he walked with me to the far side of the shoulder. Hamel said he was coming from home and was headed to his brother's house in Bradenton. He said his mother died a couple days earlier and he was distraught.

As Hamel spoke, I noted his speech was slurred and mumbled. His expression was blank, dazed and uncomprehending. Hamel swayed when he stood and staggered when he walked. I administered the horizontal gaze nystagmus test to Hamel who had difficulty following my instructions. I did not observed any clues to impairment in H.G.N. however Hamel swayed significantly during the test. Hamel said he had not had anything alcoholic to drink and I did not suspect he was under the influence of alcoholic beverages. He said he was taking several medications including lithium and nurontin. I had Hamel do a modified one leg stand test and he performed poorly. Hamel could not stay still. I was concerned about his safety as well as ours. I explained to Hamel that I was going to request him to perform field sobriety tests however our current location would not be conducive for the tests. I asked him ride with Ofc. Newell to the police station where we could safely continue the investigation. He agreed. Ofc. C. Markland stayed with Hamel's vehicle while I conducted the investigation.

Ofc. Newell drove Hamel in the cruiser to the police station and I met them there. I walked Hamel into the basement to the D.U.I. area where I continued my investigation. During the health questions, Hamel was telling me his health was only fair because of all the medications he was on. He continued by saying, "My driving has gotten worse lately, lack of coordination, etc." I administered the F.S.T.s. Hamel had difficulty maintaining the starting position for the walk and turn test and ultimately refused to take that test. He said he could not do the test because he has no balance. After explaining to Hamel the implications of refusing the F.S.T.s, he agreed to continue with the tests. Hamel performed poorly on the other three F.S.T.s.

I placed Hamel under arrest for D.U.I. based on my overall observations to that point and the totality of the circumstances. I walked Hamel around the corner to the breath testing center where Ofc. Newell administered the breath tests procedures. Hamel submitted two valid breath samples confirming he had no alcohol in his system. Ofc. Newell requested Hamel submit a urine sample. Hamel refused and said, "What if something comes up in my urine that should not be there?" After Implied Consent, Hamel still refused to submit a urine sample. He said he was concerned about his practice and could not take that chance. He said he should not be driving anyway. During the interview questions, Hamel refused to answer the one question about illegal drug use. Ofc. Newell later asked Hamel directly about what was in his system. Hamel said he would rather not say.

I completed the arrest paperwork and citation for D.U.I. I explained to Hamel about the temporary driving permit, the court date and how and when to contact the Clearwater Driver Improvement Office for an administrative review should one be desired. Hamel began to cry when I described his driving to him. He said, "I know I almost hit a few cars. I could have killed someone." I turned Hamel over to the prisoner transport van to be taken to the Pinellas County Jail for booking. Hamel asked me to contact his wife to come get his

vehicle. I was unable to get ahold of her in a timely manner. Hamel requested that I have his vehicle towed at his request. It was towed by Tri-J towing. I later entered the video tape into evidence.

END OF REPORT

MEMORANDUM

To:

Pat Siracusa

From:

Michael Boyle

Date:

August 20, 2004

Re:

Change of Charge: DUI to RD

State v. JOHN HAMEL

04646179XASP

Next Court Date: 9/7/04 - PT

DRIVING/SOI: Officer Robbie Arkovich was on his way to work from Tampa when he saw the Def.'s vehicle driving poorly. Arkovich observed the Def. all the way into St. Pete and was so concerned about the way the Def. was driving that he called to have an officer stop him.

FSTS: Yes

Video: Yes

HGN: 0

FtoN-2

WNT:refused ABC:2

OLS: 4

OTHER:

BREATH/BLOOD/URINE: .000/.000 Refused Urine.

ADMISSIONS: Taking Lithium, Neurontin, Norvosk. When asked about taking the urine test the Def. asked questions about what would happen if something showed up that "wasn't supposed to be there"? Def. ultimately refused urine because he said he had to protect his practice.

ARO INPUT: Officer Arckovich had strong feelings that this case might not be RD material. He feels that Def. was impaired by drugs, and he believes based on the impressions the Def. gave him, that it was cocaine. Cocaine would be consistent with the recorded driving pattern.

OTHER/PROBLEMS:

PRIORS: 86-DUI (GA)

RECOMMENDATION: NO RD. The Def. looks really odd on video and after speaking to Arkovich, this case isnt an RD. Arkovich seems to think Def. was on Cocaine

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ST. PETERS URG POLICE DEPARTMENT D.U.I. OBSERVATION REPORT

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Lack of Smooth Pursuit	Starts Before Instructions Are DoneLoss of Balance While Turning/Incorrect Turn
Distinct Nystagmus at Max Deviation	Stops While WalkingIncorrect Number of Steps
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ST. PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT ALCOHOL INFLUENCE REPORT FORM

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Do You Have False Teeth	
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Attitude	Excited Hilarious Talkative Carefree Sleepy Profanity
	CombativeIndifferentInsultingCockyCooperativePolite
Unusual Actions	Hiccoughing Belching Vomiting Fighting Crying Laughing
Speech	Not UnderstandableMumbledSlurredMush MouthedConfused
	Thick Tongued Stuttered Accent Fair Good Slow
Eyes	Dilated Contracted Watery Bloodshot Normal
Level of Impairment	ExtremeObviousSlightNone
Ability To Drive	UnfitFit Ability To Follow InstructionsPoorFairGood
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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OATH FORM

Before me this day personally appeared R. Ar Kovich (printed name)
who attests to the truth of the statements included in this offense report as being a
summary of the facts of the case as known by him/her as a result of his/her investigation
of offense report # 2004- 11077 and attached arrest affidavit.
Affiant (Signature) Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of February 2004
Of Scott Newl NOTARY PUBLIC OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER PER FLORIDA STATUTE 117.10