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March 01, 2021

Internal Investigation:

Case Number #DCSO2021001WP

**Deputy Involved:** **S21-01810 INCIDENT #1**

Deputy Kent Eddy

Delta County Sheriff's Office

555 Palmer St., Delta Co. 81416

(970) 874-2000

**Montrose County Sheriff Deputies Involved** in case. **S21-01810:**

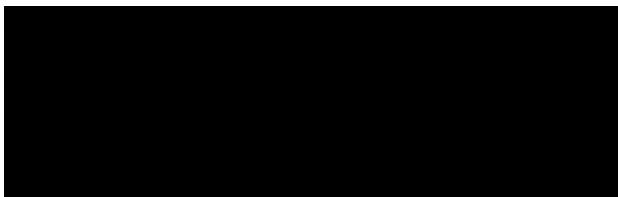
1200 N Grand Ave. Montrose Co 81401

(970) 252-4023

Deputy James Berry, Deputy Joshua Willis, Charles Searcy

**Other people involved:**

Susan K Franck DOB-09/27/1969 ( Kents Girlfriend) Suspect is this incident.



On March 01, 2021, I was informed by Sheriff Mark Taylor and Undersheriff Quinn Archibeque to conduct an internal investigation involving Deputy Kent Eddy on two incidents that occurred at the Montrose Regional Airport in Montrose Colorado on February 08, 2021 and February 27, 2021.

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## **SYNOPSIS: CASE S21-01810 02/08/2021**

I Lt. William Palmer have reviewed MCSO case S21-01810 and body cam footage of this case and report my findings of this incident.

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On or about February 08, 2021 at approximately 8:40 P.M., Montrose County Sheriffs Deputies responded to a disturbance call at the Montrose Regional Airport, located in Montrose Colorado, at 2100 Airport Road.

Upon their arrival, their investigation revealed that there was an intoxicated female, Susan Franck, a passenger on a United Airlines flight who also had [REDACTED] on the plane with her. They had flown in from California.

Montrose County Deputies responded to the plane to remove Susan who was intoxicated, upset, yelling, crying, and using vulgar language to the deputies and the others around her. Flight crew personnel had separated Susan and [REDACTED], as there had been a confrontation between the two.

Susan was escorted off the plane to the terminal by the deputies while [REDACTED] remained on the plane to be interviewed by another deputy about the confrontation between her and [REDACTED].

Once deputies got her into the terminal to the boarding gate, they proceeded to get her information, while at this time, Kent Eddy who is a Deputy with the Delta County Sheriff's office and off duty at the time had arrived to pick his girlfriend Susan and [REDACTED] from the airport.

While deputies gathered information from Susan, she would cry, and yell using profanities wanting to know where [REDACTED] was and why they had taken her and to call [REDACTED] and going to sue the airlines and the County.

Kent told the deputies a couple of times that he was a Deputy with the Delta County Sheriff's Office and if he could go get [REDACTED] from the plane and told them that [REDACTED].

They advised Kent that a deputy was talking with her and would bring her to the terminal once they were done with her.

Kent was cooperative with the deputies on getting Susan's information to them as she was still upset over the matter. Deputies had told Susan to calm down a couple of times or they would charge her with disorderly conduct.

Deputies did eventually bring [REDACTED] in the terminal and reunited her with Susan and she calmed down. Once the deputies had all of the information that they needed from Susan, they left the airport without any charges filed.

Montrose deputies stayed on scene and talked to two witnesses about the confrontation between Susan and [REDACTED]. The male witness was [REDACTED] and the other one was [REDACTED]. They both claimed that Susan was beating up [REDACTED] on the plane and wanted something done about it.

Deputies advise both witnesses that [REDACTED] stated that Susan had only grabbed her and did not hurt her. Deputies also explained to them that the flight crew did not want to press charges and since this happened on their flight there was not much they could do except forward a copy of the report to the FBI.

[REDACTED] was visibly upset of this, especially letting [REDACTED] leave with [REDACTED]. After all necessary information was obtained by the deputies, [REDACTED] left the airport.

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**Deputy Involved:** **S21-02620** **Incident #2**

Deputy Kent Eddy

Delta County Sheriff's Office

555 Palmer St. Delta Co. 81416

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**Montrose County Sheriff Deputies Involved** in case **S21-02620:**

1200 N Grand Ave. Montrose Co. 81401

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Deputy Cable Wilford, Deputy Jamie Heinle, Deputy Michael Skelton, Deputy Brandon King, Deputy Jason Grundy, Deputy Charles Searcy.

**Other people involved:**

Karyn L Davis DOB-05/10/1976 (Victim)

Rebekah L Larson DOB-05/31/1994 (Witness)

## **SYNOPSIS: CASE S21-02620 02/27/2021**

I Lt. William Palmer have reviewed MCSO case S21-02620 and body cam footage of this case and report my findings of this incident.

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On or about 02/27/2021 at approximately 4:46 P.M., Montrose County Sheriff Deputies responded to the Montrose Regional Airport located at 2100 Airport Rd, Montrose Colorado of a reported disturbance.

Upon their arrival they met with TSA personnel who advised them that the male subject involved was in the parking lot and another TSA person was following him.

Deputies contacted the suspect, Kent Eddy who is also a deputy with the Delta County Sheriff's Office, seated in a Bronze 2014 KIA Sorrento.

Kent was asked to exit the vehicle, which he complied and was told by deputies the reason for the contact which in turn Kent told them that he was planning on flying to California, but was asked to leave the aircraft for improperly wearing his face mask.

Deputies observed that Kent seemed to be intoxicated and that the crotch area of his pants seemed to be wet as though he had urinated himself. Kent advised deputies that he was buzzed.

Kent had also told the deputies that he had ordered an alcoholic drink on the plane and had to pull his mask down to take a drink of it and pull it back up and explained this to the flight crew and that one of the crew members told him several times to pull his mask up.

Deputies stated that through the entire contact ne would state he is a veteran and a deputy and did not like the way he was being treated after serving his country.

Kent was also told that one of the airline workers, (Kayrn) had been hit by a door and asked Kent if this had occurred? Kent's reply to this was that he never touched anyone and when he left the aircraft his did so without incident.

The victim in this case, Karyn Davis and a witness, Rebekah Larson reported the airport staff noticed that Kent was intoxicated, tried to check in at the wrong gate, had to be directed to the right gate, attempted to board the wrong aircraft, took his mask off several times on the aircraft, had to be told three times to put his mask on, was belligerent during the confrontations, and after the third warning about the mask, Kent was asked to leave that aircraft, per airline policy.

But before leaving the aircraft, Kent stood up and addressed the passengers in the aircraft expressing that he was a veteran and how he was being disrespected and using vulgar language such as "Fuck" and also called Karyn a "Fucker". Kent was very loud when saying this.

Kent was escorted off the aircraft by Karyn to the secured area of the terminal. At the arrival of the secured area, Karyn unlocked the door and Kent took control of the door and opened it aggressively striking Karyn with the door who was at that time standing to the side of him.

Karyn wanted to keep Kent inside of the secured area but allowed him to leave it. Karyn felt that Kent striking her with the door was intentional and being hit by the door hurt and scared her. Karen felt that charges should be pressed against Kent and she told the deputy that what she wanted.

FBI agent Zappe was also contacted and filled in about the incident. Agent Zappe felt since the aircraft was on the ground when this incident happened, this would fall under the jurisdiction of the Montrose County Sheriff's Office but would like a copy of the report forwarded to him.

Kent was cooperative throughout most of intervention with the Montrose County Sheriff Deputies other than being intoxicated and telling the deputies several times that he was a veteran and a deputy until the very end while sitting outside on a bench front of the airport terminal waiting for his summons.

Kent became upset a couple of times wanting to know what was happening, if he was going to be charged or not, needing to pee, and wanting to go to bed. Kent wanted this to be over so he could go and told the deputy that they had twenty minutes to do whatever they were going to do and then stand up.

At one point the deputy told Kent if he did not sit down and behave, he would be hand cuffed and taken to jail. Kent did comply and would become apologetic and talk about being a veteran.

Kent was finally issued a summons for Third Degree Assault and Disorderly Conduct by the Montrose County Sheriff's Office with a court date at the end of March. Kent was then given a courtesy ride to a nearby hotel.

After reviewing both incidents involving Kent, I do not feel that Kent violated any Delta County Sheriff's policy on the first incident when picking up his girlfriend Susan and [REDACTED] on February 08, 2021, only that he mentioned a couple of time that he was a Delta County Sheriff's Deputy which reflects a negative outlook on the Delta Sheriff's Office by the way that his girlfriend Susan was acting by being intoxicated, disruptive, and having to be escorted from the plane by Law Enforcement.

On the second incident, Kent was obviously intoxicated, mostly cooperative towards Law Enforcement until the latter part while waiting for his summons which ne became upset a couple of times with the deputy.

However Kent who was going to fly to California was asked to leave the aircraft after flight crew members had to ask him to pull up his mask three times, being intoxicated, disruptive, using foul language, opening a door which struck an airline employee saying it hurt, and leaving a secured area and going to his vehicle in the parking lot, where he was eventually contacted by Law Enforcement and because of his actions, Kent was issued a summons for Third Degree Assault and Disorderly Conduct.

[REDACTED]

I have reviewed Delta County Sheriff's Office Policy and find that Kent's conduct at the Montrose Regional Airport was a Sheriff's Office policy violation which will be listed below.

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**CODE OF CONDUCT:**

**C. RULES**

1. Each member shall obey all laws of the United States Of America and the State Of Colorado.

**D. GENERAL CONDUCT:**

Regulations in this section shall apply to the conduct of members at all times, both on and off duty. Conduct is prohibited for all members of the office that would reflect unfavorably on the office, or would bring the office to disrepute.

**2. INTIMIDATING OR THREATENING BEHAVIOR:**

a. Members will always treat the public and co-workers with courtesy, respect, and shall never maliciously coerce or intimidate any person, or engage in speech or conduct that is discourteous, abusive, profane, obscene or threatening.

**9. USE OF ALCOHOL ON DUTY:**

a. Members who consume intoxicating beverages off duty are solely responsible for their actions. Behavior, which tends to discredit the member or the department, can be the subject of discipline.

**H. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS –SPECIFIC VIOLATIONS:**

Disciplinary action may be taken against a member of the Delta County Sheriff's Office based on the occurrence of, but not limited to the following violations.

1 Any violation of policy set forth in this manual, the county personnel manual, or any other Delta County Sheriff's Office manual, or any other Delta County Sheriff's Office normal standards.

14 Deliberate or careless conduct endangering the safety or well-being of self, co-workers or the public.

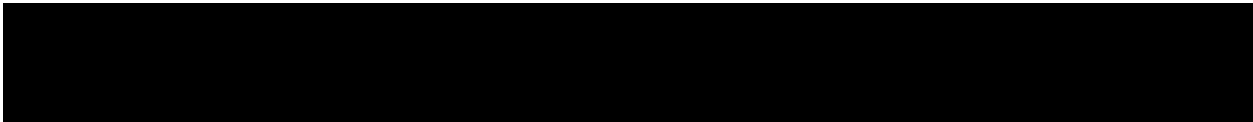
19 Behavior inappropriate to one's position

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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After reviewing Delta County Sheriff's Office policies, the Montrose County Sheriff's Office reports and videos, I feel that Kent had violated the above policies and did not abide by the MISSION, VISION, & VALUES of the Delta County Sheriff's Office for his actions at the Montrose Regional Airport.

Therefore I recommend that Kent be given a Letter of Reprimand for his actions, a five day suspension without pay, and to seek counseling for behavioral issues. This would also include a six month probation period stipulating that Kent has no other Law Enforcement contacts involving alcohol related incidents that he would be involved in on his off duty time.



Sincerely  
  
Lt. William Palmer