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Memo

To: Commander Manuel Aragon

From: Sergeant Jesse Treblik

Date: August 9, 2021

Subject: Personnel Complaint #21-6596

On August 8, 2021 at 2230 hours, I spoke with Deputy [REDACTED] in reference to a complaint that was forwarded to me from the jail.

The complaint was sent through a kite at the jail from Mr. [REDACTED] alleging that when [REDACTED] was arrested, the arresting deputy told him he was going to "Fuck him in the ass". [REDACTED] also alleged that his wrist was bent during the arrest causing his PTSD to flare up. Sergeant Scott Larson interviewed [REDACTED] and forwarded the recording. [REDACTED] remember Deputy [REDACTED] being present during the arrest and an older deputy was with him but could not remember his name. [REDACTED] claimed the older deputy was the one who made the statement. Through Sergeant Larson's investigation it was determined the other deputy on scene was Deputy Robert Mesch. [REDACTED] also claimed that a few weeks later Deputy [REDACTED] came into his dorm in the jail (F-2300) asking if [REDACTED] remembered him from being arrested. [REDACTED] said he explained the situation to other inmates in the dorm specifically Inmate [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said when Deputy [REDACTED] came into the dorm, [REDACTED] asked Deputy [REDACTED] if he was "gay". Deputy [REDACTED] replied "No, that was my partner". During Sergeant Larson's interview [REDACTED] admitted to having multiple mental health issues and is on numerous medications.

[REDACTED] was interviewed by Sergeant Larson and confirmed a deputy did come into the dorm which caused [REDACTED] to become upset. [REDACTED] started yelling at the deputy "Fuck you". [REDACTED] did say he asked the deputy if he was "gay" and the deputy did reply "No, that was my partner". [REDACTED] could not confirm who the deputy was but said he had never seen him before in the facility.

I conducted the interview with Deputy [REDACTED] in my office at the substation. I explained the complaint to Deputy [REDACTED] and asked him if he remember arresting [REDACTED] After

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reviewing some of the details from his report Deputy ██████ remember the encounter. Deputy ██████ remembered ██████ being belligerent and having hallucinations upon contact. During the initial contact ██████ was saying that he was "God" and the "President". ██████ had been trespassed from the property on a separate occasion and was not allowed to be at Rocky's Auto. Deputy ██████ said when ██████ was placed into handcuffs he immediately began to tense up. ██████ became so resistive that he had to be placed against the patrol vehicle to allow deputies to thoroughly search him. Deputy ██████ said he and Deputy ██████ held ██████ against the vehicle while Deputy Mesch finished the search.

I asked Deputy ██████ if at any time during the contact he or any other deputy told ██████ they were going to "Fuck him in the ass". Deputy ██████ denied ever hearing that statement and said he would have definitely remembered someone saying that to an arrestee. I asked Deputy ██████ if he had spoken with ██████ since the initial arrest and he said that he does not remember having any further contact with him. I asked Deputy ██████ if he has worked any overtime shifts in the jail and if he has visited or been assigned to F-2300 while working overtime. Deputy ██████ said he does work overtime at the jail on a regular basis. Deputy ██████ does not remember being assigned to F-2300 recently and said that he may have been visiting a fellow deputy at some point. I explained the second encounter described by ██████ and ██████ to Deputy ██████ and he said it is possible he spoke with the inmates but doesn't remember the interaction. The interview was concluded, and Deputy ██████ returned to shift.

On August 9, 2021 I spoke with Deputy Robert Mesch in my office about the complaint. I explained the complaint and Deputy Mesch remembered the incident with ██████ Deputy Mesch said ██████ was immediately confrontational upon contact and was saying that he was "God" and the "President". Deputy Mesch said he had to finish the search of ██████ while he was held against the vehicle by other deputies. I asked Deputy Mesch if he or any other deputy told ██████ they were going to "Fuck him in his ass". Deputy Mesch no deputies ever made the comment to ██████ However: ██████ did tell Deputy Mesch that he was going to "Fuck him in the ass" while he and Deputy ██████ were transporting him to the substation. Deputy Mesch said he responded by telling ██████ "Not unless you buy me dinner first, and I'm not a cheap date". Deputy Mesch said ██████ continued to be belligerent the entire contact and transport. Deputy Mesch said a few weeks later he contacted ██████ across the street from Rocky's Auto at a different car dealership during an unwanted party call. ██████ was calm and was asked to leave to which he did without incident. Deputy Mesch has had no further interaction with ██████

On August 9, 2021 at 2145 hours, I attempted to contacted ██████ by telephone using the number listed in Tritech. The number was busy and continued to be busy after multiple attempts were made.

After reviewing the interviews with ██████ and ██████ and conducting the interviews with Deputies ██████ and Mesch I feel this complaint should be closed. There is no evidence confirming ██████ claims of Deputy Mesch saying he was going to "Fuck him in the ass". Deputy Mesch said ██████ made that statement to him during the transport. During Sergeant Larson's interview with ██████ stated he either passed out or was sleeping during the transport. I do believe ██████ had a reaction to being placed against

the patrol vehicle while he was being searched. The actions taken by the deputies are reasonable and justified to ensure [REDACTED] was adequately searched before being transported.