



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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Colonel Mark W. McDonough
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Date: 4/27/17

ORU No. _____ CASE No. 1100213799

Your File Information: Incident Report

Dear Requestor:

The following is in response to your Open Records Act request concerning the aforementioned case:

- We have attached a copy of the records you requested. They have been redacted in accordance with the Open Records Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 (a)(20)(A). The redactions are as follows:
() Month and Day of Birth, () Social Security Number(s), () Medical Information
- A copy of the video/audio cad/photos/records you requested is being processed and will be mailed to you within two weeks.
- This case is still open and pending criminal prosecution. Therefore, based on the exemption provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(4), the video/photos you have requested is not subject to dissemination until the investigation is concluded and the case is no longer pending in court or on appeal. You must obtain consent from the Prosecutor before the records can be released. Please forward documentation of the Prosecutor's consent to release the records to our office, and once it is received by us, we will process the request within two weeks.
- The documents you requested are part of a SCRT Case which is still open and pending investigation. Therefore, based on the exemption provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(4), the responsive documents (other than any initial police arrest report and/or incident reports), are not subject to dissemination until the investigation and any pending criminal prosecution is concluded.
- Based on the information you have provided, we conducted a search within the Georgia Department of Public Safety; however, we were unable to locate any responsive records. In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70(d) of the Open Records Act, we are hereby notifying you that no responsive records were located.
- Documents responsive to your request may be within the chain of custody of another law enforcement agency. Please contact the appropriate law enforcement agency to make arrangements for accessing the requested information.
- Please note that the Records Retention Policy for the Georgia State Patrol only requires retention of records for misdemeanor offense for a period of three years and retention of records for felony offenses for a period of seven years.
- Other: _____

Sincerely,

Open Records Dept.

DPS INCIDENT REPORT

Report Number I100213799-01	Report Date / Time 03/20/2017 07:52 PM	Reporting Agency GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Agency Case Number I100213799-01	Agency CAD Number GSPE17CAD014844	Occurrence Date/Time 03/20/2017 07:52 PM

INCIDENT TYPE(S)
OTHER / OTHER TRAFFIC OFFENSES

INCIDENT LOCATION

County NEWTON	Location STATE ROUTE 12 / EMORY STREET	Latitude N 33 36.1999	Longitude W 83 51.7172
Street Address SR12	City COVINGTON	State GA	Zip Code 30016

INVESTIGATIVE TIMES (IN HOURS)					VEHICLE MILES	BOAT ENGINE HOURS	AIRCRAFT ENGINE HOURS
ON BOAT	ON LAND	IN AIR	ADMINISTRATIVE	TOTAL			
:	:	:	:	:			

PERSON: SUSPECT

First Name RONALD	Middle Name LEWIS	Last Name JOHNSTON	Suffix	Date of Birth /1964	Age 53	Race W	Sex M	Height 604	Weight 230	Hair BRO	Eyes GRN	Marital Status
Master Name Index Number GSP17MNI195029	Custodial Status NOT APPLICABLE	Driver's License or Other ID		State GA	Class or Type C	Expires /2019						
Address 4118 MONTICELLO ST SW		Address (Other)		City COVINGTON	State GA	Zip Code 30014	Phone	Phone (Other)				
Vehicle on Report Associated with Person TagNo: NANSTON State: GA Year: 2006 Make: NISSAN Model: TITAN							Person's Role in Vehicle DRIVER					

ARREST INFORMATION

County of Arrest	Location Description		
Arrest Delivered To (Jail / Booking Facility)			
Arresting Officer	Rank	Badge / ID Number	Unit / Assignment

CHARGES

Violation	Counts	Violation Type	Violation Classification / Level
> 40-6-253	2	STATE LAW	GEORGIA TRAFFIC CODE
POSSESSION OF OPEN CONTAINER IN VEHICLE PASSENGER AREA			
> 40-8-76.1	1	STATE LAW	GEORGIA TRAFFIC CODE
USE OF SAFETY BELTS IN PASSENGER VEHICLES			

VEHICLE

State & License Plate Number Expires GA NANSTON 2018	VIN 1N6BA07A56N543891	Year 2006	Make NISSAN	Model TITAN	Style TRUCK	Color UNK
<input type="checkbox"/> CMV	<input type="checkbox"/> HazMat	Released to DRIVER				<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Towed

Persons Related to Vehicle
DRIVER: Johnston, Ronald Lewis

NARRATIVE

On March 20, 2016 I was on regular patrol in Newton County. At approximately 1952 hours I observed a Nissan Titan turning off of Pace Street onto Georgia 12. I observed the driver not wearing his seat belt. I also observed the driver drinking something wrapped in a brown paper bag. I activated my emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. I approached the driver, asked for his license and advised him why I had stopped him. The driver produced a Georgia license identifying him as Ronald Johnston. I immediately noticed the odor of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle. I asked Mr. Johnston if he had consumed any alcoholic beverages and he stated he had. I asked Mr. Johnston if he had any open containers of alcohol in the vehicle and he stated he did. Mr. Johnston retrieved a small brown paper bag from beside his right leg containing an opened, cold 24oz Icehouse beer. I had Mr. Johnston exit the vehicle and as we talked I continued to notice an odor of alcohol on his breath. While talking to Mr. Johnston he identified himself as the Mayor of Covington. Mr. Johnston stated the beer was the only alcoholic beverage he had consumed. Mr. Johnston consented to field sobriety evaluations but no clues were observed. Mr. Johnston registered a positive reading of alcohol on the preliminary breath test (0.010). I issued Mr. Johnston a citation for the seat belt violation and the open container violation. Mr. Johnston was then released on the citations.

The incident was video recorded on the WathGuard 4RE system.

EVIDENCE RECORD


Item	Evidence Number	Quantity	Currency Value	Description
1	HD-270-001			DIGITAL VIDEO EVIDENCE

RELATED REPORTS

Report Name	Report Number / Description
Uniform Traffic Citation	E02467970
Uniform Traffic Citation	E02467969

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REPORTING OFFICER / SUPERVISOR APPROVAL

Reporting Officer			Approving Supervisor		
ID Number 0270	Rank TFC	Name GRIER, WILL	ID Number 0525	Rank SERGEANT	Name STARLING, E.
Signature 			Signature 