

ARREST REPORT

AGENCY	Agency Name Gainesville Police Department		ORI FL0010100	Date/Time Arrested 09/05/2024 15:00 Thu		Case # 0224011805	
	Taken		Arrest Tract 1	Residence Tract		Arrest Number 176577	
ARRESTEE	Name (Last, First, Middle) CALHOUN, TAMERA WILLIAMS		D.O.B. 01/17/1979	Age 45	Race B	Sex F	
	Current Address 1130 Ne 24th Ter, , Gainesville, FL 32641		Phone 3522223383	Occupation Teacher		Residence Status Resident	
	Employer's Name DUVAL EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY		Address 2106 NW 8TH AVE			Phone 352-955-6713	
	Also Known As (Alias Names)				Hgt 5'01	Wgt 170	Hair Black
					Eyes Black	Skin Tone Medium	
	Scars, Marks, Tattoos		Social Security #	OLN and State		Misc. # and Type	
Nearest Relative Name		Address			Phone		
ARREST	If Armed, Type of Weapon		Type of Arrest ARREST - ADULT ON VIEW		Place of Arrest 2106 NW 8TH AVE, GAINESVILLE		
	Charge #1 Committed Child Abuse Without Causing Great Bodily Harm	Type Fel	Counts 2	IBR Code 90F	Warrant/Summons #	Statute # 827-03(2)(C)	
	Charge #2	Type	Counts	IBR Code	Warrant/Summons #	Statute #	
	Charge #3	Type	Counts	IBR Code	Warrant/Summons #	Statute #	
VEHICLE	VYR	Make	Model		Style		
	Color	Plate #/State/Plate Year		VIN			
	Vehicle						
CONFINED	Date/Time Confined		Place Confined		Committing Magistrate		
	Type Bond	Bond Amount	Trial Date	Time	Court Of	City	
	Arresting Officer Name/ID #/Bureau HALL, K. C. (1118) INV						
	Assisting Officer Name/ID #/Bureau			Released By (Name/Department/ID #)		Date/Time Released	
DRUGS	Status Codes 1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown/Lost						
	Code	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type	Up to 3 types of activity for each	
Other Name	Name Victim		Address			Phone	
	Name		Address			Phone	
NARRATIVE	On 08/13/24 at Duval Learning Academy (2106 NW 8th Ave) at approximately 0900 hours the DEF was teaching the VIC in a prekindergarten class. An adult (WIT 1) was also in the classroom as the teaching assistant or paraprofessional assigned to the DEF. WIT 1 only knew the DEF for approximately 1 working day prior to the below described events occurring.						
	August 13, 2024 was the second day of the new school year. The VIC had never attended a daycare or been in a classroom setting. Additionally, the VIC is diagnosed with autism and English is his ** Continued **						
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	Case Status			Arrestee Signature			

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second language. The VIC is four years of age.

As described by WIT 1, the class of approximately 12 Pre-K students was participating in "Pokémon Yoga." The DEF had turned the computer monitor on her desk around and played the YouTube Video on that due to a malfunctioning TV in the classroom. As far as WIT1 could observe from her vantage point (she was seated in a chair among the group of children) the students were following along to the Youtube video. Most of the students were gathered in the open space in the center of the classroom.

The WIT 1 described that although she did not observe as the VIC did so, she soon learned that the VIC had crawled under a student table during the Pokémon Yoga activity. Notable the WIT was seated in a pre-K student chair at the very table that the student had crawled beneath however her attention was focused on the group in front of her and not specifically on the VIC. Regardless, the VIC's presence under the table was not such that the WIT's attention was turned to the VIC. The WIT 1 described that the VIC was quiet and not creating any disturbance for the class or creating any safety concern while under the table.

The WIT 1 described hearing a `blood-curdling scream` that caused her to turn toward the scream and observe as the DEF aggressively ripped the VIC out from under the table by nothing other than the 4 year old VIC's left ear and then forcing him into a chair at the table. WIT 1 stated the VIC continued to scream and cry for several minutes all while holding his injured ear with his hand.

The WIT 1 recalled that even after the VIC stopped crying when she interacted with him he was visibly upset, holding his ear and pointing to the DEF. WIT 1 was greatly disturbed by the DEF's actions towards the VIC and immediately took several pictures of the VIC's injury to his ear with her cell phone. After taking the photos of VIC's ear WIT 1 left the classroom and reported the incident to school administration.

The WIT 1 said she observed the DEF being `rough` with the students and grabbing them aggressively by the arms/wrists over the course of the two days. The WIT 1 also saw the DEF roughly grab the VIC by the forearm the previous day; the first day of school.

After receiving the report by WIT 1, the school principal (WIT 2) removed the VIC from DEF's classroom and took him to the school nurse asking her to look the VIC over for any injuries, specifically to his head and face. The WIT 2 stated that when she asked VIC if he was OK he responded by saying "Play." The WIT 2 stated that this indicated to her that the VIC was not afraid to return to his classroom with the DEF and, accordingly, she sent him back to class. WIT 2 observed an injury to the VIC's ear and determined it was "old" and unrelated even though it was to the same ear that WIT 1 described the DEF as having pulled. There was an apparently new bruise on the VIC's right arm.

After the WIT 2 spoke to the VIC the DEF was questioned about the incident by the WIT 2. The DEF denied having pulled the VIC by his ear. Rather, the DEF told WIT 2 that the VIC was screaming underneath the table so she pulled him out by his arm, not his ear, but that he may have bumped his ear on the table on the way up. The DEF was counseled by WIT 2 about pulling the VIC by the arm and was allowed to remain and teach in the classroom.

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The WIT 2 reported the incident as told by WIT 1 to Human Resources and DCF. The report by WIT 2 adds that there was no injury to the VIC in spite of the fact that there was an injury to the VIC's ear and a bruise to the VIC's arm. WIT 2 was advised that the report would not be accepted by DCF based on the information provided.

WIT 2 met with the mother of the VIC after school. The meeting was not planned or scheduled but, rather, described as coincidental. WIT 2 told the VIC's mother that there was an incident involved the VIC in the classroom that day. However, WIT 2 only provided the VIC's mother with the DEF's account of the incident and failed to mention the WIT 1's report/statements. When Your Affiant (YA) inquired as to why WIT 2 failed to disclose to VIC's mother what WIT 1 had observed WIT 2 told YA that she did not believe she had to tell the VIC's mother what WIT 1 reported because DCF did not accept the report.

LEO and YA made contact with the involved parties the following day 08/14/24 and the DEF was still in the classroom teaching. LEO observed a bruise on the VIC's right forearm as well as a dark purple bruise on both the interior and exterior of the victim's ear. The VIC's left ear also had a small scratch on the interior. VIC's mother indicated that neither of those injuries were on the VIC when the VIC was dropped off to school on the morning of 08/13/2024.

The following day on 08/15/24, the child was forensically interviewed and disclosed that the DEF had both grabbed his arm causing his arm to hurt and also pulled his ear causing his ear to hurt. The VIC held his ear and twisted it to demonstrate what the DEF did to his ear. The forensic interview was both audio and video recorded.

The VIC also was examined medically by the child protection team (CPT) who observed red/purple small bruise on the VIC's right forearm, bruising on the interior and exterior of the VIC's ear and a small healing scratch on the inside of the left ear. CPT had positive findings for physical abuse.

Post-Miranda, the DEF stated [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] The DEF did not state [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] The DEF stated [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 The DEF admitted [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] The DEF did state [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] The DEF stated [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

YA did not have any explanation for why both WIT 1 and the VIC would lie about the incident. YA showed a photo of the VIC's injury to the DEF and she again denied [REDACTED] YA asked the DEF if she thought it was appropriate to grab the VIC by the arm and she said [REDACTED] and changed her story to stay she [REDACTED]

The VIC is young (four years of age), suffers from Autism, does not speak English as a first

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language and is new to the classroom environment. From WIT 1`s account, it is clear the victim was not causing a disturbance or posing a risk to the safety and/or wellbeing of others in the class by being under the table. The VIC`s behavior - the harmless act of relocating himself under a table during a Pokémon Yoga activity where all the students were spread across the classroom to obtain sufficient personal space - did not warrant any disciplinary action let alone the DEF`s intentional physical abuse which caused a painful and visible injury to the VIC`s ear. DEF had no rational basis or legitimate purpose to support physically removing the (~40 lbs) VIC from under the table using only the VIC`s ear.

The DEF`s identity was confirmed by her FL ID.