



DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR Worcester County, Ocean City (City/County)

LOCATED AT (COURT ADDRESS)
6505 Coastal Highway
Worcester County, Ocean City, MD 21842

DISTRICT COURT CASE NUMBER

RELATED CASES:

DEFENDANT'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, M.I.)
Ruff, Denzel E

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COMPLAINANT and DEFENDANT information table including names, titles, agencies, addresses, and contact information.

- Checkboxes for DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HATE CRIME, VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE, CHILD ABUSE

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES

IT IS FORMALLY CHARGED THAT THE DEFENDANT
1 CJIS CODE AR ON OR ABOUT (DATE) AT (PLACE)
2 0050 07/06/2023 Dorchester Street/Atlantic Ave Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland 21842

...did wilfully act in a disorderly manner to the disturbance of the public peace.

IN VIOLATION OF:
[X] MD. ANN. CODE ART CR-10 SEC. 201(c)(2); COMMON LAW OF MD; PUB. LOCAL LAW ART. SEC.
PROBABLE CAUSE Y N
COMAR OR AGENCY CODE NO.; ORDINANCE NO.; AGAINST THE PEACE, GOVERNMENT AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE; COMMISSIONER INITIALS ID NO.

2 CJIS CODE AR ON OR ABOUT (DATE) AT (PLACE)
1 0600 7/6/2023 Dorchester Street/Atlantic Ave Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland 21842

...did intentionally resist with a lawful arrest.

IN VIOLATION OF:
[X] MD. ANN. CODE ART CR 9 SEC. 408(b); COMMON LAW OF MD; PUB. LOCAL LAW ART. SEC.
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DATE Jul/06/2023
ISSUING PEACE OFFICER [Signature]
AGENCY SUB.AGENCY I.D. NO.
CT 8350 K742

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DC-CR-002 (Rev. 4/2017)



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D.O.B.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES (CONTINUED)

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IT IS FORMALLY CHARGED THAT THE DEFENDANT

3 CJIS CODE AR ON OR ABOUT (DATE) AT (PLACE)
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...It shall be unlawful for any person to fail and/or refuse to provide proper identification to the issuing authority by providing her name, address, and date of birth.

IN VIOLATION OF:
[ ] MD. ANN.CODE, ART. SEC. ; [ ] COMMON LAW OF MD.; [X] PUB. LOCAL LAW, ART. LO 1 SEC. 8(d) PROBABLE CAUSE [ ] Y [ ] N
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4 CJIS CODE AR ON OR ABOUT (DATE) AT (PLACE)
1 1415 07/06/2023 Dorchester Street/Atlantic Ave Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland 21842

...did assault Officer Adams in the second degree in violation of CR 3-203, contrary to the form of the act of the assembly in such case made and provided and against the peace, government, and dignity of the state.

IN VIOLATION OF:
[X] MD. ANN.CODE, ART. CR 3 SEC. 203 ; [ ] COMMON LAW OF MD.; [ ] PUB. LOCAL LAW, ART. SEC. PROBABLE CAUSE [ ] Y [ ] N
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Ocean City MD 21842 MD
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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE
ARREST ON TRAFFIC / NATURAL RESOURCES / MASS TRANSIT CITATIONS / CRIMINAL CHARGES / MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES / PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS
THE DEFENDANT HAS BEEN ARRESTED UPON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OR OBSERVATION: (MAKE A PLAIN, CONCISE AND DEFINITIVE STATEMENT OF ESSENTIAL FACTS CONSTITUTING THE OFFENSE CHARGED.)
On Thursday July 6th, 2023 at 0043 hours, I Officer Cole (8610) was on uniform foot patrol in the area of Talbot Street/Atlantic Ave with Public Safety Aid Foy (8715), and Public Safety Aid Santana (8739). I observed a male, later identified through his Maryland Driver's License as Denzel Elam Ruff walking southbound on Atlantic Ave. Ruff Approached us and asked about the smoking ordinance. We advised Ruff of the local city ordinance and the possible fine that could be provided. Ruff stated "Who's going to pay that? Not me." Ruff continued to walk southbound on the boardwalk towards Dorchester Street, where he looked back at us and intentionally smoked his vape, raising his hands in the air at us.

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PROBABLE CAUSE CHARGES #
LACK OF PROBABLE CAUSE CHARGES #

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I HAVE REVIEWED THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND HAVE DETERMINED THAT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO DETAIN THE DEFENDANT.
THERE IS NOT PROBABLE CAUSE TO DETAIN THE DEFENDANT AND I HAVE ACCORDINGLY RELEASED HIM ON HIS OWN RECOGNIZANCE.
DATE JUDICIAL OFFICER COMMISSIONER I.D. NO.

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ARREST ON TRAFFIC / NATURAL RESOURCES / MASS TRANSIT CITATIONS / CRIMINAL CHARGES / MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES / PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS

PSA Santana and PSA Foy and I approached Ruff at Dorchester Street. We attempted to stop Ruff to issue him a citation for smoking on the boardwalk. As I approached Ruff, I ordered him to stop so we could issue the citation. Ruff ignored my commands and continued to walk away from the scene towards the 10-block of Dorchester Street. PSA Foy and I again ordered Ruff to stop but again he turned away and go around us. Ruff then turned around and walk back towards the boardwalk, where he continued to refuse our commands. I then proceeded to step in front of Ruff, while PSA Foy stood behind him in attempt for Ruff to stop eluding us. I attempted to detain Ruff while PSA Foy stood behind him holding his hands behind him.

PSA Foy and I informed Ruff that he was being detained. As PSA Foy and I attempted to put handcuffs on Ruff, he tensed his arms and did not comply. At this point Officer Adams (8600) arrived on scene and assisted PSA Foy and I in taking Ruff to the ground. As PSA Foy, OFC Adams and I ordered Ruff to place his hands behind his back multiple times OFC Adams grabbed Ruff around the waist and forced Ruff to the ground.

Once on the ground Ruff continued to resist and refused to place his hands behind his back. I then grabbed Ruff's feet, restraining them to the ground so Ruff could not kick me or other officers. Ruff was bracing his arms underneath his chest to prevent officers from handcuffing him. PSA Foy attempted to pull Ruff's arm from underneath him. PSA Foy placed his knee on Ruff's shoulder and was able to overcome Ruff's bracing and freed one arm. As PSA Foy was in the process of freeing Ruff's arm, Ruff rolled over to his left side. Ruff then looked back at OFC Adams, PSA Foy and I, and yelled that he would fight us and, "knock all you

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out.” As we attempted to pull Ruff’s arms a male walking by on the boardwalk along with people on balconies of the Belmont Towers were yelling at Ruff to stop fighting the police and comply with commands. I observed these people to have looks of shock disgust on their faces when they heard Ruff shouting at us.

I observed Ruff grabbing OFC Adams’ uniform shirt. OFC Adams pushed Ruff on his right side as PSA Foy place his right hand on the back of Ruff’s neck. At this time, I continued to hold Ruff’s feet to the ground. Once we were able to roll Ruff back over onto his stomach, Ruff continued to attempt to pull his arms under him as he resisted. PSA Foy was able to lock his arm and bend his hand towards his elbow, OFC Adams and I were able to secure Ruff’s right arm behind his back, PSA Foy was able to secure Ruff’s left arm hand his back, while OFC Adams handcuffed Ruff.

As PSA Foy, OFC Adams, and I lifted Ruff off the ground and Ordered him to walk towards the 10-block of Dorchester Street, Ruff continued to be non-compliant and actively resisting, pushing off the ground away from the street. We continued to assist Ruff towards the 10-block as he continued to thrash and throw his shoulders towards us. Once at the 10-block, Officer Mora (8385) and Officer Gonzalez (8611) grabbed Ruff’s legs forcing him to sit on the curb.

I then observed Ruff stand up from the curb in attempt to run away from Officer. Panitch (8371) and OFC Mora. Once OFC Panitch and OFC Mora were able secure Ruff on ground I assisted by holding Ruff’s legs to the ground. I then observed OFC Panitch use a Violent Person Restraint Device (VPRD) on Ruff.

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I placed Ruff under arrest for failure to identify himself for the Local Ordinance violation of smoking and or vaporizing where prohibited.

All of the above events occurred in Ocean City, Worcester County, Maryland 21842.

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