

ARREST / NOTICE TO APPEAR

Florida Highway Patrol

1. Arrest  Juvenile   
2. Notice To Appear

ADMINISTRATIVE	OBTS NUMBER		AGENCY ORI NUMBER <b>F L 0 3 6 9 0 0 0</b>		CASE NUMBERS <b>25MM020535, 25MM020535, 25MM020535</b>		AGENCY REPORT NUMBER <b>FHP250N0068319</b>		AGENCY ARREST NUMBER																	
	CHARGE TYPE Check as many as apply. <input type="checkbox"/> 1. FELONY <input type="checkbox"/> 2. TRAFFIC FELONY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. MISDEMEANOR <input type="checkbox"/> 4. TRAFFIC <input type="checkbox"/> 5. ORDINANCE <input type="checkbox"/> 6. OTHER		WEAPON SEIZED / TYPE 1 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 2 No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		DATE OF OFFENSE <b>2/12/2025</b>		LOCATION OF ARREST (include Name of Business) <b>Ortiz Ave / Dowdy Dr Fort Myers, FL 33905</b>		LOCATION OF OFFENSE (Business Name, Address) <b>Ortiz Ave / Dowdy Dr Fort Myers, FL 33905</b>																	
	DATE OF ARREST <b>2/12/2025</b>	TIME OF ARREST <b>1148</b>	BOOKING DATE	BOOKING TIME	JAIL BOOK DATE	JAIL BOOK TIME	FINGERPRINTED <input type="checkbox"/> Identification Only <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal <input type="checkbox"/> AFIS	BY:		JAIL NUMBER	COUNTY ID NUMBER															
	OTHER LOCAL NUMBER		FDLE NUMBER		DOC NUMBER		FBI NUMBER		NAME (Last, First, Middle) <b>KARBA, THOMAS CHRISTOPHER</b>		ALIAS															
DEFENDANT	RACE W - White B - Black I - American Indian O - Oriental / Asian <b>W</b>		SEX <b>M</b>		DATE OF BIRTH OR AGE <b>5/14/1987</b>		HEIGHT <b>6'05"</b>		WEIGHT <b>250</b>		EYE COLOR <b>BRO</b>		HAIR COLOR <b>BRO</b>		COMPLEXION		BUILD									
	SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, UNIQUE PERSONAL FEATURES (Location, Type, Description)										INDICATION OF: Alcohol Influence <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> UNK Drug Influence <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> UNK															
	LOCAL ADDRESS (Street, Apt. Number) <b>6620 SWAN ST VENTURA, CA 93003</b>				(City)		(State)		(Zip)		PHONE		RESIDENCE TYPE													
	PERMANENT ADDRESS (Street, Apt. Number) <b>6620 SWAN ST VENTURA, CA 93003</b>				(City)		(State)		(Zip)		PHONE		ADDRESS SOURCE													
BUSINESS ADDRESS (Name, Apt. Number)				(City)		(State)		(Zip)		PHONE		OCCUPATION <b>HOMELESS</b>														
DRIVER'S LICENSE STATE / NUMBER <b>CA E1035653</b>				SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER				INS NUMBER				PLACE OF BIRTH <b>US</b>		CITIZENSHIP												
CO-DEF	CO-DEFENDANT NAME (Last, First, Middle)						RACE		SEX		DATE OF BIRTH OR AGE		<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> 2. At Large		<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Juvenile											
	CO-DEFENDANT NAME (Last, First, Middle)						RACE		SEX		DATE OF BIRTH OR AGE		<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> 2. At Large		<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Juvenile											
CHARGE	ACTIVITY N, N/A P, Possess						S, Sell B, Buy T, Traffic		R, Smuggle D, Deliver E, Use		K, Dispense / Distribute		M, Manufacture / Produce / Cultivate		Z, Other		TYPE N, N/A A, Amphetamine		B, Barbiturate C, Cocaine E, Heroin		H, Hallucinogen M, Marijuana O, Opium / Deriv.		P, Paraphernalia / Equipment S, Synthetic		U, Unknown Z, Other	
	CHARGE DESCRIPTION: <b>LOITERING - OR PROWLING - 25MM020535</b>						COUNTS <b>1</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord.		STATUTE VIOLATION NUMBER <b>856.021</b>		BOND \$													
ACTIVITY <b>N</b>		DRUG TYPE		AMOUNT / UNIT		GOC <b>Not Applicable</b>						<input type="checkbox"/> PC# <input type="checkbox"/> CAPIAS <input type="checkbox"/> AC <input type="checkbox"/> BW <input type="checkbox"/> FW <input type="checkbox"/> PW <input type="checkbox"/> JUV. PU <input type="checkbox"/> CITATION DATE ISSUED <input type="checkbox"/> Writ. Att <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Arrest														
CHARGE DESCRIPTION: <b>CRIMES AGAINST PERSON - 18 YOA OR OLDER LURE ENTICE</b>						COUNTS <b>1</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ord.		STATUTE VIOLATION NUMBER <b>787.025(2a)</b>		BOND \$														
ACTIVITY <b>N</b>		DRUG TYPE		AMOUNT / UNIT		GOC <b>Not Applicable</b>						<input type="checkbox"/> PC# <input type="checkbox"/> CAPIAS <input type="checkbox"/> AC <input type="checkbox"/> BW <input type="checkbox"/> FW <input type="checkbox"/> PW <input type="checkbox"/> JUV. PU <input type="checkbox"/> CITATION DATE ISSUED <input type="checkbox"/> Writ. Att <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Arrest														
NOTICE TO APPEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Appearance in Court		LOCATION (Court, Room Number, Address) <b>Lee County Justice Center, Courtroom 1-A, 1700 Monroe Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901</b>																							
	<input type="checkbox"/> You need not appear in Court but must comply with instructions on Notice To Appear page.		MONTH <b>March</b>		DAY <b>4</b>		YEAR <b>2025</b>		TIME <b>08:00</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM															
I AGREE TO APPEAR AT THE TIME AND PLACE DESIGNATED TO ANSWER THE OFFENSE CHARGED OR TO PAY THE FINE SUBSCRIBED. I UNDERSTAND THAT SHOULD I WILLFULLY FAIL TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT AS REQUIRED BY THIS NOTICE TO APPEAR, THAT I MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A WARRANT FOR MY ARREST SHALL BE ISSUED.												SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT / JUVENILE AND PARENT OR CUSTODIAN														
ADMINISTRATIVE	<input type="checkbox"/> Miranda Warning		HOLD FOR OTHER AGENCY NAME:		VERIFIED BY		DATE		BOND: CHARGE #		BOND: CHARGE #															
	<input type="checkbox"/> ADULTS ONLY Hold for First Appearance. Do Not Bond out. Reason:		I SWEAR/ AFFIRM THE ABOVE AND ATTACHED STATEMENTS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT <b>/s/ Trooper Javier Rivera-Rodriguez, 852-3906 at 02 / 12 / 2025 02: 18 PM</b>		SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY THIS DAY OF Name / Title of Person Authorized to Administer Oath <b>/s/ Trooper Michael Pepitone, 852-4383 at 02 / 12 / 2025 02: 18 PM</b>		BOND TYPE 3. Surety 4. Bail / Bond 5. Cert. 6. Other		TYPE		TYPE															
	OFFICER'S / COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE <b>Javier Rivera-Rodriguez 852-3906/ F</b>		NAME (Printed)		ID NO. / TROOP		RETURNABLE COURT DATE		RETURNABLE COURT TIME <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM		RELEASE DATE		RELEASE TIME <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM													
	REPORT ENTERED BY <b>Javier Rivera-Rodriguez 852-3906/ F</b>		NAME (Printed)		ID NO. / TROOP		RELEASE OFFICER																			



PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

1. Arrest (Cont) 3. Arrest Affidavit Juvenile
2. Notice to Appear (Court) 4. Complaint Affidavit
5. Request for Capias

Administrative section containing OBTS Number, Agency ORI Number (FL0369000), Case Numbers (25MM020535), Agency Report Number (FHP250N00683), and address (Ortiz Ave / Dowdy Dr Fort Myers, FL 33905).

Defendant section containing Name (KARBA, THOMAS CHRISTOPHER), Race (W), Sex (M), Date of Birth (05/14/87), Height (605), Weight (250), Eye Color (BRO), Hair Color (BRO), and Address (6620 SWAN ST VENTURA, CA 93003).

Juvenile section containing Name of Parent or Custodian, Address, and Juvenile Disposition options (Handled/Processed, Turned Over, Incarcerated).

Charge 1 section containing Activity (N), Description (STALKING - FOLLOW HARASS CYBERSTALK ANOTHER - 25MM020535), Counts (1), Statute Violation (F.S. Ord), and Bond (\$784,048(2)).

Charge 2 section containing Activity (N), Description, Counts, Statute Violation, and Bond.

Charge 3 section containing Activity (N), Description, Counts, Statute Violation, and Bond.

The undersigned certifies and swears that he / she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named Defendant committed the following violation of law: On the 12 day of February, 2025 at 11:19 A.M. I, Trooper Rivera am employed by the Florida Highway Patrol and have been for over 10 years. I am currently assigned to the Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU) as a canine handler. The Criminal Interdiction Unit consists of Troopers strategically assigned throughout the state to patrol the interstate and other highways to interdict drug couriers and other criminal activity. On February 12th, 2025, at approximately 11:18 pm, I was flagged down by a pedestrian walking on Ortiz Ave. The pedestrian who was later identified as [redacted] DOB: 08/02/1993. [redacted] explained to me that a male subject was following his daughter into the apartment complex. [redacted] pointed out to this male suspect who was walking south on Ortiz Ave. [redacted] said his daughter was 12 years old and this person kept following her, asking her questions such as where does she live, how old is she. [redacted] said it was the third time he had seen this suspect trying to come to the apartments. The male subject was trying to enter the apartments through the bushes, attempting to conceal himself. The apartments were the Vistas at Eastwood located at 4985 Eastwood Acres Rd, Fort Myers, FL, 33905. There is no side entrance by where this subject was seeing enter the apartments. I turned around and activated my emergency vehicle lights and contacted the male on who [redacted] pointed out to me. I instructed him to stop walking and stay on the shoulder. He was identified by a California license as Thomas Karba Chirstopher DOB: 05/14/1987. I asked Thomas if he had any weapons, and he said no. I asked him if I could pat him down and he nodded. Thomas was carrying a white shopping bag with him. I asked Thomas if he lived near the area, and he said no. I asked him what he was doing in the apartments and he said he was trying to find a place to rent. I asked him why he was talking to a minor and he said he didn't know her

P.C. Exists for Charge(s) Judge's Signature Date

Administrative section containing Miranda Warning, Hold for Other Agency, Sworn to and subscribed before me, Officer's Signature (Javier Rivera-Rodriguez), and Bond Information (Type, Amount, Release Date, Time).

# PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

ADM	Agency ORI Number <b>F L 0 3 6 9 0 0 0</b>	Agency Name <b>Florida Highway Patrol</b>	1. Offense 2. Arrest		Juvenile		1. Original 2. Supplement	<b>1</b>						
	Original Date Reported <b>0 2 1 2 2 5</b>	Case Reference <b>KARBA, THOMAS CHRISTOPHER</b>	Agency Report Number <b>F H P 2 5 0 N 0 0 6 8 3</b>	CLERK CASE NUMBERS <b>25MM020535, 25MM020535, 25MM020535</b>										
	<p>age and he could not see well. Thomas made the comment that the other guys were chasing him down. Thomas is approximately 6'5 and over 230 lbs.</p> <p>I requested the assistance of Trooper Pepitone. Trooper Pepitone arrived shortly after. I spoke to the manager of the apartments who was identified as Maria Torres. Maria explained to me this subject does not live in the property nor has family that lives there. She said he never came in the office inquiring about renting an apartment at this location. Maria wished this subject to be trespassed from this property. She wrote a witness statement.</p> <p>Trooper Pepitone spoke to Thomas, and he said the female did not look like a minor because she was tall. He also mentioned again he could not see well. Trooper Pepitone held his hand up with two fingers approximately 10 feet from him. Trooper Pepitone asked him how many fingers he had up, and he said two.</p> <p>I met up again with [REDACTED] and his daughter whose date of birth is [REDACTED]. She is approximately [REDACTED] and weighs about [REDACTED]. With both parents being present, she explained to me that Thomas followed her, and stood about 5 feet away from her and kept asking her where she lived, her name and age. The juvenile responded by saying she was 12 years old and walked away in fear for her safety. Thomas continued walking towards her following her disregarding the fact she was 12 years old. Thomas continued harassing, persuading her and trying to talk the minor as she walked away in distress and in fear. The daughter found her dad who happened to be working at the apartments. After Thomas seeing this, he walked away in the opposite direction. [REDACTED] explained to me this occurred about 9:20 am as she was waiting for the school bus. Thomas was seen in the property two more times, the second time around 10:00 am and a third time was around 11:00am when he was able to flag me down as Thomas was seen walking south on Ortiz Ave.</p> <p>I asked FMRCC (Fort Myers Regional Communications Center) to run a criminal history on Thomas. Thomas had priors for attempting to rape and kidnapping. Due to his prior history and the fact he does not live in the apartments it is to believe Thomas was attempting to harm a minor(s).</p> <p>At 11:48pm, Thomas was arrested and charged with; Loitering and Prowling, Luring or enticing a child and stalking.</p> <p>Thomas was transported to the Lee County Jail for Booking.</p> <p>The family of the minor received a Victims right brochure and Marcys law brochure.</p> <p>All events occurred in Lee County, FL.</p>													
NARRATIVE / CONTINUATION														
ADM ADMINISTRATIVE	Report Contains		Related Report Number(s)											
	Officer(s) Reporting <b>Javier Rivera-Rodriguez</b>		ID. Number(s) <b>852-3906/ F/ F</b>		Troop		Date							
	Officer Reviewing / Supervisor (If Applicable) <b>Rivera-Rodriguez, Javier</b>		ID. Number <b>852-3906</b>		Routed To		Referred To		Assigned To		By		Date	
	Case Status		1. Arrest 2. Exceptional		3. Unfounded		A - Adult J - Juvenile   <b>A</b>		Date Cleared		Arrest Number		Number Arrested	
	Exception Type 1. Extradition Declined		2. Arrest on Primary Offense Secondary Offense Without Prosecution		3. Death of Offender 4. V/W Refused to Cooperate		5. Prosecution Declined 6. Juvenile / No Custody		OBTS Number		Page <b>3</b>		Page <b>3</b>	