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Expert Witness Report

Subject: Pattern of Unlawful Surveillance, Harassment, and Retaliatory Conduct by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Targeting Felix Lopez and Lorenzo Scott

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Declaration of Expert Witness

I, Sgt. Don Jackson (Ret.), professionally known as Diop Kamau, declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and judgment:

- I am a retired police sergeant with over 40 years of experience in law enforcement, criminal investigations, and internal affairs practices.
- I have conducted over 5,000 police misconduct investigations and served as an expert witness in federal and civil rights litigation.
- My findings and opinions in this report are based on my professional review of documented evidence, incident reports, and police videos related to the treatment of Felix Lopez and Lorenzo Scott.
- This report includes both factual summaries and professional analysis based on widely accepted law enforcement standards and constitutional obligations.

I. Subject Individuals

Felix Lopez

Lorenzo Scott

II. Jurisdiction of Incidents

Okaloosa County, Florida, including Fort Walton Beach and surrounding jurisdictions



III. Summary of Key Findings and Expert Analysis

1. Repeated Traffic Stops and Intelligence Flagging

Felix Lopez and Lorenzo Scott were subject to more than 50 traffic stops over multiple years. In professional law enforcement practice, such a volume of stops—without resulting arrests or citations—strongly indicates pretextual enforcement. The CAD entry from March 3, 2016, which placed a 'caution' flag on Mr. Lopez, created a rolling surveillance state around him. This is improper unless tied to an ongoing criminal investigation, which no records support. Marking individuals in this way absent probable cause is contrary to data privacy and constitutional policing standards.

2. Internal Intelligence Dossier

The January 19, 2017 memo from Inv. Genrich acknowledged photographing Mr. Lopez for an intelligence bulletin. Under best practices, intelligence files must be tied to articulable, lawful investigations. There is no indication Lopez was under such investigation. Maintaining an unsubstantiated intelligence file for years constitutes overreach and may violate constitutional rights to privacy and free movement.

3. Improper Officer Remarks

The 'wannabe popo' remark and others like it are not only unprofessional, they undermine the legitimacy of the traffic stop and may reflect discriminatory intent. Mocking or antagonizing a civilian during a lawful stop is a breach of duty and violates principles of neutrality and respect embedded in most department ethics codes.

4. Appearance-Based Enforcement

Lopez and Scott were repeatedly stopped because of the appearance of their vehicles—legally purchased retired police cruisers. These vehicles are sold by government agencies to the public and are not contraband. Officers stating 'it's because of the car you're driving' confirms that the enforcement action was based on assumption and not behavior, a direct violation of probable cause doctrine.

5. Intimidation at Residence

Multiple, repeated slow patrols in front of Mr. Lopez's home—without police call logs or public safety justifications—suggest retaliation and intimidation. These drive-bys serve no public purpose and violate norms of non-harassment, especially when repeated following civil complaints.



6. Social Media Harassment

Officers posting about a civilian on personal accounts, particularly with mockery or implications of targeting, violates professional boundaries and reflects an organizational culture that condones disrespect toward civilians. Such behavior contributes to hostile encounters and erodes public trust.

7. DOJ Complaint History

The plaintiffs submitted complaints to the Department of Justice in 2017, 2023, and 2024. These submissions show a long-standing attempt to resolve this matter through lawful channels, and provide strong evidence that the pattern of misconduct is neither isolated nor new.

8. Role of Fort Walton Beach Police and Other Agencies

The April 14, 2024 stop of Lorenzo Scott was conducted by an officer with the Fort Walton Beach Police Department, who stated, 'You keep getting stopped because of the particular vehicle you're driving.' This confirms direct involvement of Fort Walton Beach in discriminatory enforcement.

Additionally, stops and interactions involving the Niceville, Valparaiso, Shalimar, and Crestview police departments show that these agencies may also be relying on shared intelligence or data flags originating from Okaloosa County. The evidence supports a coordinated or systemically shared approach to surveillance that implicates all named agencies in this report.

Conclusion and Expert Opinion

Based on my law enforcement training and investigative experience, it is my professional opinion that the repeated, unjustified traffic stops, improper surveillance techniques, and disrespectful officer conduct directed toward Felix Lopez and Lorenzo Scott violate established constitutional protections and professional law enforcement standards. There is no evidence of ongoing criminal conduct that would justify the surveillance and targeting observed. The patterns documented in this case reflect misuse of police authority, retaliation against constitutionally protected conduct, and department-wide failure to correct known misconduct. Judicial oversight and systemic reform are warranted.



Appendices – Supporting Evidence:

Appendix A – [CAD Report Flagging Felix Lopez \(March 3, 2016\)](#).

Appendix B – [Internal Memo from Investigator Genrich \(January 19, 2017\)](#).

Appendix C – [BOLO Traffic Stop and Video \(February 17, 2018\)](#).

Appendix D – [Residential Patrol Photos \(2023–2025\)](#).

Appendix E – [Lorenzo Scott Stop Report \(April 14, 2024\)](#).

Appendix F – [Social Media Screenshots Mocking Scott \(June 2022\)](#)

Appendix G – [DOJ Complaints \(2017, 2023, 2024\)](#).

Appendix H – [Narrative of Gunpoint Detention](#)

Appendix I – [Okaloosa Travel Alert Video Summary](#).

Respectfully,

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