

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY**

STATE OF FLORIDA

25-06211-CF-T

VS.

FELONY INFORMATION

JEFFRY KNIGHT

PID 686827

W/M; DOB: 09/29/62

1. LEAVING THE SCENE OF
A BOATING ACCIDENT
INVOLVING INJURY, 3°F
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9. VIOLATION OF NAVIGATIONAL RULE
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ACCIDENT, 2°M
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IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

BRUCE BARTLETT, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Pinellas County, prosecuting for the State of Florida, in the said County, under oath, Information makes that

JEFFRY KNIGHT

in the County of Pinellas and State of Florida, on the 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five, did operate a vessel which was involved in an accident involving personal injury and/or death to Jose Castro and the said JEFFRY KNIGHT did willfully leave the scene of an accident without giving all possible aid to all persons involved, and without making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or persons affected, and without complying with and notifying the appropriate law enforcement official as required under Section 327.30; contrary to Chapter 327.30(5), Florida Statutes, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida. [T11]/5

COUNT TWO

And the State Attorney aforesaid, under oath as aforesaid, further information makes that JEFFRY KNIGHT, in the County of Pinellas, State of Florida, on the 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five, did operate a vessel which was involved in an accident involving personal injury to Dennis Kimerer and the said JEFFRY KNIGHT did willfully leave the scene of an accident without giving all possible aid to all persons involved, and without making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or persons affected, and without complying with and notifying the appropriate law enforcement official as required under Section 327.30; contrary to Chapter 327.30(5), Florida Statutes, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida. [T11]/5

COUNT THREE

And the State Attorney aforesaid, under oath as aforesaid, further information makes that JEFFRY KNIGHT, in the County of Pinellas, State of Florida, on the 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five, did operate a vessel which was involved in an accident involving personal injury to Daywon Buchanan and the said JEFFRY KNIGHT did willfully leave the scene of an accident without giving all possible aid to all persons involved, and without making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or persons affected, and without complying with and notifying the appropriate law enforcement official as required under Section 327.30; contrary to Chapter 327.30(5), Florida Statutes, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida. [T11]/5

COUNT FOUR

And the State Attorney aforesaid, under oath as aforesaid, further information makes that JEFFRY KNIGHT, in the County of Pinellas, State of Florida, on the 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five, did operate a vessel which was involved in an accident involving personal injury to Idalys Acosta and the said JEFFRY KNIGHT did willfully leave the scene of an accident without giving all possible aid to all persons involved, and without making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or persons affected, and without complying with and notifying the appropriate law enforcement official as required under Section 327.30; contrary to Chapter 327.30(5), Florida Statutes, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida. [T11]/5

COUNT FIVE

And the State Attorney aforesaid, under oath as aforesaid, further information makes that JEFFRY KNIGHT, in the County of Pinellas, State of Florida, on the 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five, did operate a vessel which was involved in an accident involving personal injury to Aaminah Brown and the said JEFFRY KNIGHT did willfully leave the scene of an accident without giving all possible aid to all persons involved, and without making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or persons affected, and without complying with and notifying the appropriate law enforcement official as required under Section 327.30; contrary to Chapter 327.30(5), Florida Statutes, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida. [T11]/5

COUNT SIX

And the State Attorney aforesaid, under oath as aforesaid, further information makes that JEFFRY KNIGHT, in the County of Pinellas, State of Florida, on the 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five, did operate a vessel which was involved in an accident involving personal injury to Nicole Makelele and the said JEFFRY KNIGHT did willfully leave the scene of an accident without giving all possible aid to all persons involved, and without making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or persons affected, and without complying with and notifying the appropriate law enforcement official as required under Section 327.30; contrary to Chapter 327.30(5), Florida Statutes, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida. [T11]/5

COUNT SEVEN

And the State Attorney aforesaid, under oath as aforesaid, further information makes that JEFFRY KNIGHT, in the County of P [REDACTED], State of Florida, on the 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five, did operate a vessel which was involved in an accident involving personal injury to Steven Whitehurst, Sr., and the said JEFFRY KNIGHT did willfully leave the scene of an accident without giving all possible aid to all persons involved, and without making a reasonable effort to locate the owner or persons affected, and without complying with and notifying the appropriate law enforcement official as required under Section 327.30; contrary to Chapter 327.30(5), Florida Statutes, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida. [T11]/5

COUNT EIGHT

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COUNT NINE

And the State Attorney aforesaid, under oath as aforesaid, further information makes that JEFFRY KNIGHT, in the County of Pinellas, State of Florida, on the 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five, did then and there operate a vessel upon the waters of the State of Florida and did violate the inland navigational rules, to-wit: failed to maintain a proper lookout pursuant to United States Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980; Rule 5; Section 83.05, and as a result of said violation a boating accident occurred and caused the death of Jose Castro; contrary to Chapter 327.33(3)(a)/921.0021(7)(a)/921.0021(1)/26.012, Florida Statutes, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida. [W17]

COUNT TEN

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COUNT TWELVE

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COUNT FIFTEEN

And the State Attorney aforesaid, under oath as aforesaid, [REDACTED] information makes that JEFFRY KNIGHT, in the County of Pinellas, State of Florida, on the 27th day of April, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five, did then and there operate a vessel upon the waters of the State of Florida and did violate the inland navigational rules, to-wit: failed to maintain a proper lookout pursuant to United States Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980; Rule 5; Section 83.05, and as a result of said violation a boating accident occurred and caused injury to Steven Whitehurst, Sr.; contrary to Chapter 327.33(3)(a)/921.0021(7)(a)/921.0021(1)/26.012, Florida Statutes, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida. [W17]

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COUNT TWENTY-FOUR

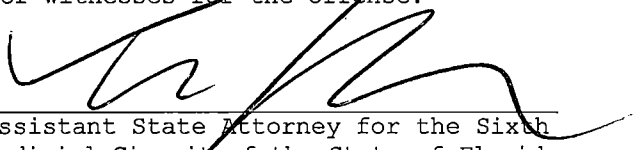
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STATE OF FLORIDA
PINELLAS COUNTY


Personally appeared before me, BRUCE BARTLETT, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Pinellas County, or his duly designated Assistant State Attorney, who being first duly sworn, says that the allegations as set forth in the foregoing information are based upon facts that have been sworn to as true, and which if true, would constitute the offense therein charged; hence this information is filed in good faith in instituting this prosecution, and that he has received testimony under oath from the material witness or witnesses for the offense.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me
by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online
notarization this 8/1/25

by Thomas Koskinas, who
is personally known to me and who did take an oath.


Assistant State Attorney for the Sixth
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