

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA**

CASE NO.:

JONATHAN SELIGER,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE,**

Defendant.

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COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, JONATHAN SELIGER, file this complaint against Defendant, PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, demands a trial by jury on all issues so triable, and alleges:

1. This is an action for damages that exceeds the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00), exclusive of costs, interest and attorneys' fees.
2. The FIFTEENTH Judicial Circuit Court has jurisdiction pursuant to Florida Statutes, §47.011 because the negligent acts and omissions described below occurred in Palm Beach County, Florida.

THE PARTIES

3. At all times material to this action, Plaintiff, JONATHAN SELIGER, was a natural person residing in Palm Beach County, Florida.
4. At all times material to this action, Leroy Houck, was a natural person residing in Palm Beach County, Florida.
5. At all times material to this action, Defendant, PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, was authorized to do, and was doing, business in Palm Beach County, Florida.

FACTS

6. On or about September 21, 2024, Plaintiff JONATHAN SELIGER, was operating a

motor vehicle in West Palm Beach, Florida, on Southern Blvd. at or near the intersection of Benoist Farms Road.

7. At that time and place, LEROY HOUCK, was the operator of a motor vehicle owned by Defendant, PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

8. At that time and place, LEROY HOUCK, negligently operated the motor vehicle such that it caused a crash involving the vehicle that Plaintiff, JONATHAN SELIGER, was operating.

COUNT I
NEGLIGENCE AGAINST PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

9. Plaintiff, JONATHAN SELIGER, reiterates and realleges Paragraphs 1 through 8.

10. LEROY HOUCK breached the duty owed to Plaintiff, JONATHAN SELIGER, to exercise reasonable care and prudence while operating a motor vehicle in accordance with Florida Motor Vehicle Statutes.

11. LEROY HOUCK'S breach of duty to exercise reasonable care and prudence while operating a motor vehicle proximately caused or contributed to the injuries of Plaintiff, JONATHAN SELIGER, described below.

12. As a result of the negligence of LEROY HOUCK, the Plaintiff, JONATHAN SELIGER, suffered permanent bodily injuries, resulting in pain and suffering, disability, disfigurement, mental anguish, inconvenience, loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, expense of hospitalization, medical and nursing care and treatment, aggravation of a previous condition, activation of a latent condition, loss of earnings, and the loss of the ability to earn money in the future. The losses are permanent and continuing. Plaintiff, JONATHAN SELIGER, shall suffer additional losses in the future.

13. Because Defendant, PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, owned the motor vehicle driven by LEROY HOUCK, and consented and gave permission to LEROY HOUCK to drive the motor vehicle at the time of the crash, Defendant, PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, is liable for LEROY HOUCK's negligent acts and the

injuries to Plaintiff, JONATHAN SELIGER, described above, under the Florida Dangerous Instrumentality Doctrine.

14. Defendant, PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, also is vicariously liable for the negligent acts of LEROY HOUCK and the injuries to Plaintiff, JONATHAN SELIGER, described above, because LEROY HOUCK was operating the motor vehicle at the time of the crash within the scope of his employment or agency with Defendant, PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff, JONATHAN SELIGER, demands judgment against the Defendant, PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, in an amount in excess of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars, together with costs, and for all further relief this Court deems just and proper. Plaintiff, JONATHAN SELIGER, further requests a trial by jury of all issues triable as of right by a jury.

RESPECTFULLY submitted on May 8, 2026.

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