

CRIMINAL REPORT AFFIDAVIT/HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

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 CRA #: FH21000290

☐ Fel ☒ Misd ☐ (APAD) Adult Pre-Arrest Div ☐ Traffic ☐ Tampa Ord ☐ Juv Delinq ☐ JAAP
 Booking #: 2021-13423

Arrest Type: ☒ PC ☐ Warrant ☐ PC VOP/VOCC **Request:** ☐ Warrant ☐ SAO Review Direct File ☐ JUV Pick-Up Order

Court Case #	Family #	SOID #

Agency: ☐ HCSO ☐ TPD ☐ PCPD ☐ TTPD ☒ FHP ☐ Other: _____	Report # 21-055534	Report Written ☒ Yes ☐ No
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Offense Location: I-4 (SR 400) MM 17 EB, PLANT CITY, FL 33566	Offense Date: 05/29/2021	Offense Time: 0525
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Arrest Location: I-4 (SR 400) MM 17 EB, PLANT CITY, FL 33566	Arrest Date: 05/29/2021	Arrest Time: 0715
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Defendant: Last Name RAJAGOPALAN	First Name GANESH	Middle Name ☐ Gang Name:
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Race Asian	Gender ☒ M ☐ F	DOB 08/22/1982	DL# R221280823020	State FLORIDA	POB (City, State) INDIA OR SIKKIM
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Address Street: 692 ARBOR GLEN CIR # #303	City:	LAKELAND	State:	FLORIDA	Zip:	33805
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School (JUV)	Parent/Guardian (JUV)

No Co-defendants Found

Statute	Level	Degree	Charge	Count	Citation #	DV
316.193(3)(C)1	Misd	F	DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE WITH PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY (TRAF1028)	1	A771Y5E	☐

The undersigned swears there are reasonable grounds to believe that the above named defendant in Hillsborough County, Florida, did:

On 5/29/2021, at approximately 6:00 am, I (Trooper Angelicchi) was notified of a traffic crash involving several vehicles on I-4 (SR 400) at mile marker 17. Upon my arrival, I observed a black Kia with extensive front-end damage and a blue Saturn with moderate rear-end damage. Trooper R. Drake (524) was on the scene and approached me to provide more information about the incident.

Trooper Drake informed me, the other ethnic male (suspect) standing in front of Trooper Drake's patrol vehicle was the driver of the black Kia. While speaking with Trooper Drake, I was approximately 6 feet from the suspect and could detect the odor of alcohol emitting from his person. The suspect leaned on Trooper Drake's vehicle for balance, exhibited bloodshot watery eyes and droopy eyelids. Trooper Drake was suspicious of the suspect's impairment level and requested I conduct a DUI investigation.

Trooper Drake informed me that the suspect vehicle (black Kia) was traveling east in the left lane of I-4 when it drifted off the roadway to the left. The suspect vehicle continued traveling east, partially in the left lane and on the north paved shoulder. This caused the front left of the suspect vehicle to collide with a disabled vehicle (left unattended). Both vehicles were pushed in an easterly direction and came to final rest in the grass median of I-4.

After getting the details of the traffic crash, Trooper Drake provided me with an FL DL that positively identified the suspect as Ganesh Rajagopalan (DOB: 8/22/1982). The suspect was still exhibiting the indicators mentioned above of impairment. I informed the suspect that I was concluding the traffic crash investigation and starting a criminal investigation for DUI. I requested the suspect perform Field Sobriety Exercises. The suspect consent and informed me he had no known medical issues that would hinder his performance in the Field Sobriety Exercises.

HGN (Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus) Exercise

During this exercise, the suspect displayed a noticeable sway and turned his head during his performance. I did not observe the suspect exhibit resting nystagmus or unequal pupil size. I did watch the suspect display equal tracking in both eyes. I observed the following clues of impairment in both eyes: A Lack of Smooth Pursuit, Distinct Sustained Nystagmus at Maximum Deviation, and approximate 40-degree Angle of Onset. I observed the subject exhibit VGN (Vertical Gaze Nystagmus) and LOC (Lack of Convergence) in both eyes.

Walk and Turn Exercise

In this exercise, the suspect failed to follow instructions by moving during the instructional phase. During the performance

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phase, the suspect took approximately 13 steps forward instead of the instructed nine. I observed the suspect miss heel to toe on steps 3, 7, 9, 10, and 13. The subject failed to follow instructions by stopping the exercise several times and utilize his arms for balance. The subject stopped and announced he lost count of how many steps. I informed the suspect he took 13 and needed to attempt his turn and walk back. The subject did an improper turn by lifting his pivot foot off the ground and then stopped to regain his balance again. On the walk back, the subject missed feet to toe on steps 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. The subject again failed to follow instructions by stopping the exercise and utilizing his arms to maintain balance.

One Leg Stand Exercise

During this exercise, the suspect failed to follow instructions by having his raised right foot less than 6 inches from the ground and not looking at his raised foot throughout his performance. The subject displayed a noticeable sway throughout his performance. I observed the suspect started to lean to his left and hop to maintain his balance. The subject also had to utilize his arms for balance throughout his performance. The subject counted to 25 in 30 seconds.

After Field Sobriety Exercises were completed, I handcuffed the suspect and informed him he was under arrest for Driving Under the Influence involving property Damage. The suspect consented to provide a breath test at the Hillsborough County Jail. Once at the jail, I started the suspect's (Mr. Rajagopalan) 20-minute observation at 7:50 am. The suspect provided his first breath sample at 8:13 am on 5/29/2021, which was analyzed at .078. The second breath sample was obtained at 8:16 am on 5/29/2021, which was analyzed at .080. The above offense occurred in Hillsborough County, FL.

Hillsborough County Court Date: TBD

Pursuant to Florida Statute §92.525 and under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and the facts stated in it are true to the best of my knowledge. For Notices to Appear, I also certify that a complete list of witnesses and evidence known to me is attached.

Affiant:	Trooper J Angelicchi Digitally signed on 2021.05.29 09:22:09	Officer # 3605	DIST: TAMPA	SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS DATE TPR M Davis Digitally signed on 2021.05.29 09:23:00	Officer # 3629
			SQD: TROOP C		

Judgment requested against defendant for agency investigative cost per Florida Statute 938.27: _____

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