



News Release

Incident that occurred on July 27, 2021

In response to the incident on July 27, 2021, between Kaufman County Sheriff's Deputy Martin and an 18-year-old female in Forney, Texas, we received multiple calls about a female attempting suicide by jumping into oncoming traffic. Deputy Martin quickly located the female. In an effort to prevent the female from running into traffic or sustaining an injury, Deputy Martin executed a control technique taught by the Kaufman County Sheriff's Office. A Top Mount is commonly used in Ju Jit Su and allows the deputy to control the lower body without impeding breathing and prevents injury to both parties. While gaining control of the female, Deputy Martin's body-worn camera was dislodged from the holder and fell to the ground, under the female, but continued to record. As Deputy Martin awaited assistance from other deputies to arrive, several family members came to his location, unaware of the female's attempts to harm herself. As the video clearly depicts, the family encircled Deputy Martin, screaming and threatening him. The cover deputy arrived and assisted with handcuffing the female and helping her stand as other deputies arrived. As deputies escorted the female to a patrol unit, her mother Antanique Ray walked beside them, insisting the handcuffs be loosened. Ms. Ray pulled at the female's arm; in response, Deputy Martin told her not to touch the female. Ms. Ray struck Deputy Martin, at which time he took her into custody.

The female was transported to a mental health facility for evaluation.

Ms. Ray was transported to the Kaufman County Jail and charged with Assault on a Public Servant and Interference with Public Duties, and two outstanding warrants.

These charges will be filed with the Kaufman County District Attorney's Office.

In accordance with the Kaufman County Sheriff's Office Policy, Deputy Martin has been placed on Administrative Leave pending the Internal Affairs Investigation.

The Kaufman County Sheriff's Office remains committed to transparency and cooperation with our community. Any complaint against this department is taken with the seriousness it deserves and will be followed with a complete and thorough investigation.