

In the Cross Creek investigation, the Sheriff's Office arrested Willard Miller on a felony child abuse allegation. The case has been referred to our office but we do not yet have all the paperwork from the Sheriff's Office and our prosecutors have not yet filed any formal charge.

Charging decisions made by the Broward State Attorney's Office are based on the law and the evidence with no regard to the race of the perpetrator or victim.

There is a distinction in state law between police officers and police officers who are school resource officers because school resource officers have a special legal duty to students.

Willard Miller was employed as a school resource officer and under state law he was acting as a caregiver.

State law differentiates between school resource officers who are acting as caregivers and law enforcement officers who are not school resource officers. For example, our office filed felony charges against former Broward Sheriff's Deputy Scot Peterson under this distinction.

School resource officers who use excessive force on a student may be charged with felony child abuse. However, school resource officers who use excessive force cannot ordinarily be charged with misdemeanor battery. The reason is because school resource officers are acting "in place of a parent" and as such cannot be charged with misdemeanor battery – they can be charged with felony child abuse if the conduct rises to that level.

Our office did not file any charges against DeLucca Rolle regarding the incident in Tamarac. The deputies arrested him but our office reviewed the evidence and declined to file any charges against the student, DeLucca Rolle. Our office filed charges against two deputies for excessive use of force, falsifying records and conspiracy. (See details below.)

The girl in the Cross Creek incident involving Willard Miller was not arrested by him and no case was presented to our office. Just like in the DeLucca Rolle incident, our office would not have filed any charge against her because the evidence did not support any criminal charges against either child.

The deputies in the Tamarac case were charged with several misdemeanors based on the evidence. They were not school resource officers.

You would have to check with BSO regarding personnel/disciplinary decisions in these cases.

Sgt. Gregory LaCerra, is charged with two counts of battery for spraying the 15-year-old student in the face with pepper spray and throwing him to the pavement. He is also charged with one count of falsifying records and one count of conspiracy to falsify records for falsifying the description of the circumstances of the juvenile's arrest.

Deputy Christopher Krickovich is charged with two counts of battery for slamming the 15-year-old student's face or head to the pavement and punching the juvenile in the head with his fist. He was also charged with two counts of falsifying records and one count of conspiracy to falsify records for falsifying the description of the circumstances of the juvenile's arrest.