

Osceola deputy fired after arrest in Orange on domestic violence charges



Osceola County Sheriff Marcos López talks to the media following a press conference on Friday, July 2, 2021. (Ricardo Ramirez Buxeda/ Orlando Sentinel)(Ricardo Ramirez Buxeda/ Orlando Sentinel)



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An Osceola County deputy sheriff was fired after he was arrested Monday on domestic violence charges, the latest in a string of recent arrests of members of Sheriff Marcos López's agency.

Deputy Alex Valentín was jailed on charges of domestic battery, false imprisonment and aggravated assault, according to court records. He turned himself in at the Orange County Jail after Orlando police issued a warrant for his arrest, an Orange County Sheriff's Office spokesperson said in an email.

He has since been released on bond.

Details on Valentín's arrest were scant as of Tuesday afternoon, and an Orlando Police Department spokesperson declined to provide information on the case, citing an ongoing investigation. A public records request for his arrest affidavit has not yet been fulfilled.

Valentín was "immediately terminated" following his arrest, an Osceola County Sheriff's Office spokesperson said. He was hired as a deputy in 2012, and was last assigned to the agency's narcotics unit.

"The Sheriff and members of the Sheriff's Office support and concern is with the victim," the spokesperson said in an unsigned statement.

Valentín is the latest Osceola deputy to be facing charges since López took office, and the third to be arrested this year. Most recently, [Arturo Domínguez was arrested](#) after being accused of using a database to help a childhood friend, suspected child sex abuser and high school coach Omar Ayala, evade an arrest out of Okeechobee County.

Before that, Deputy David Crawford was charged with culpable negligence [after setting fire to a motorcyclist last year with a Taser while the man was lying in a pool of gasoline](#), causing burns on three-quarters of his body.

Domínguez was subsequently fired while Crawford is on administrative leave while his criminal case proceeds.

In 2022, [Dirio Sinclair was fired following a conviction for battery](#) after body camera video showed him repeatedly punching a suspect in the face while handcuffed to a hospital bed. He was sentenced to six months probation.

And in 2021, Kevin Encarnación was arrested and fired following accusations of [helping his cousin avoid an arrest on domestic violence charges](#) using an agency database. He was sentenced to probation and community service and was ordered to relinquish his law enforcement certification, court records show.

Following Domínguez's arrest, López said he was "concerned" about the public perception of the Sheriff's Office, but praised his investigators for their efforts to root out deputies accused of crimes.

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