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OFFICER: FIX
UNIT #: 3532

DATE: 03/01/17
CASE: 2016-16894

Type of Report: SUPPLEMENT
Nature of Case: ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
Offense Date: 02/23/17
Activity Date: 02/23/17
Location: MORTON COUNTY

Personnel Assigned:

- 1. DETECTIVE CHRIS FIX, CASS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Details:

On 02/23/17, I, DETECTIVE CHRIS FIX, was assigned to a special detail in Morton County ND, to assist with dealing with the Dakota Access pipeline protests. As a result of prior work on this detail, I had been deputized by the Morton County Sheriff's Department. This incident occurred within Morton County ND.

On this day, I was assigned to a Mobile Field Force unit that was utilized to help clear the illegal encampment referred to as the Oceti Sakowin Camp, located north of the Cannonball River, between Highway 1806 and the Missouri River. The Mobile Field Force I was assigned to was assigned to enter the illegal encampment in the northwest corner from Highway 1806. At approximately 1100 hours, our group of Tactical and Mobile Field Force personnel entered the Oceti Sakowin encampment. Almost immediately upon entering the area, we were met with resistance near a large green tent that was set up in that area. There was a group of protestors that were impeding our progress further into the camp by lining up in front of our Mobile Field Force, linking arms together and refusing to leave or disperse. By actions and by verbal interaction with officers, these protestors stated they would not leave and were committed to being arrested.

At approximately 1115 hours, SERGEANT DEAN HAALAND and I placed a Native American male under arrest that stood in front of our skirmish line, refused to leave or disperse and would not back away from officers on the line as we progressed forward, trying to clear the encampment. This individual was later identified as JOSEPH LEE SOULIER by the field booking and transportation teams. SERGEANT HAALAND and I both utilized an arm bar on each arm and executed a takedown of this individual, taking him to the ground face down. This individual was then placed in flexible handcuff restraints by SERGEANT HAALAND. Of note, during the time we had MR. SOULIER on the ground, placing him in restraints, he was verbally confrontational with officers, but he did not physically resist arrest. Once he was secured in the flexible restraints, he was assisted to his feet. SERGEANT HAALAND returned to his Mobile Field Force duties while I escorted MR. SOULIER over to our field booking and transport staff. MR. SOULIER was marked with information that he was arrested by me and that he was being charged with obstruction of a government function. At that time, I turned over custody of MR. SOULIER to our field booking and transport staff.

End of report.

Attachments:

- 1. MORTON COUNTY AFFIDAVIT

Distribution:

1. CAPTAIN MITCH BURRIS
2. SERGEANT STEVE GABRIELSON
3. MORTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DETECTIVE CHRIS FIX
CASS COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE

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