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Status	Pending
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Timothy Sul
Investigator	None
Reported At	02/25/17 03:56
Incident Date	02/23/17 09:00
Incident Code	Assist Other
Location	DAPL Protest Camp
Disposition	Forward to Other Agency
Disposition Date/Time	02/25/17 03:56
Disposition Comments	

Asst Officers

3264 - Halonen, Daniel

Case Comments

Primary Narrative By Timothy Sul, 02/25/17 03:58

Assist Other Agency/Physical Obstruction of Govt. Function

On Thursday February 23rd, 2017 during the morning hours, R/D (Reporting Deputy) Sul was part of a multi-agency operation to assist in clearing out all unauthorized persons in the Dakota Access Pipeline Protest main camp south of Mandan in Morton County. The main objective in clearing out all persons in the camp was so federal authorities could begin cleanup of the camp before the area flooded being that the main camp lyes in a floodplain. Federal and State authorities issued an eviction notice to all persons residing in the camp to be out by 2pm February 22nd. Any persons still in the camp after that time would be subject to arrest.

On the morning of the 23rd, law enforcement entered the camp. R/D was assigned to the Mercer County SWAT team. R/D and the team were to clear any and all structures of persons still in the camp. As R/D and the team were clearing structures, R/D came across a camp site next to the "Free Leonard Peltier" motor coach. In the camp site, there was 2 male adults who appeared to be involved in some kind of prayer ceremony. R/D announced himself as "Police" and to show their hands. The adult males appeared to ignore the fact that law enforcement was entering their camp. R/D advised and ordered one of the adult males later identified as ERICK RAFINO SALAS (DOB 10-21-1992) that he was under arrest and to get on the ground and put his hands behind his back which he ignored. He also had some kind of burning leaves in his hand that he refused to let go and drop as well. Because SALAS was ignoring commands to get on the ground, R/D put him on the ground and put his hands behind hi back and placed zip tie cuffs on him. Dunn County Deputy #3264 Daniel Halonen also assisted R/D in arresting SALAS. SALAS was passively resisting commands by not getting on the ground and not putting his hands behind his back. He also refused to get up and walk and had to be carried by other officers. SALAS was handed off to the arrest team for processing. The second adult male was arrested by another unknown officer. R/D proceeded with clearing the camp.

No further information at this time.

Deputy Sul/3262
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