



“To protect and Serve”

Press Release

To: Media outlets, Community of Fernley
From: Lyon County Sheriff Brad Pope
Date: March 10th, 2024
Re: YouTube Video

By this time, I am sure many members of the community have seen the YouTube video posted numerous times on our social media pages. The video suggests that a Lyon County Deputy stopped a pedestrian on a bicycle and began berating him with foul language and fabricated an arrest. The video posted on YouTube does not give a complete depiction of what took place on September 14th, 2023.

The incident began when our Deputy responded to what appeared to be an open or uncontrolled fire near an apartment building. The flames were estimated to be 7-10 feet tall, and it appeared the building maybe on fire. As the Deputy attempted to inquire about the large flames, he observed, a male subject in a black hooded sweatshirt leaving the immediate area on a bicycle, around the rear of the apartment building. The address the Deputy responded to is an area known to be a high crime area, as the Sheriff's Office is consistently dispatched to the area for various criminal investigations/complaints. Sheriff's Office records indicate 150 calls for service have been generated from this area, and more specifically 80 calls for service for various criminal complaints have been generated by the known permanent residents of the living quarters the Deputy responded to.

The residents who were contacted were asked who was leaving on the bicycle, which they indicated, they "did not know." This was unlikely as the subject had been in the area of the fire in front of the apartment building as the Deputy initially approached.

The Deputy returned to his patrol vehicle and drove around into the parking lot shared another complex, in an attempt to locate the subject based on his obvious flight from a high crime area upon the arrival/sight of law enforcement.

The Deputy located the subject now pushing his bicycle into a patio area of a four unit building, which he thought the subject may be attempting to hide. He exited his vehicle and called out to the subject to “come here”. Upon turning around, the Deputy recognized the subject as JAMES GRESHAM from prior law enforcement contacts. He instructed GRESHAM to come to him, which he initially complied but was agitated and yelling at him, stating he did nothing wrong.

GRESHAM is known to have a history of resisting and obstructing law enforcement, as well the suspect of a multitude of crimes committed in Fernley.

Several renditions of the video start at the contact with GRESHAM pushing his bike.

I have made it clear, to my Deputies and to the Community, that the Lyon County Sheriff's Office will aggressively pursue those that choose a life of crime over our quality of life. Our Deputy was acting within

the mission and direction that I want all of our Deputies to abide by. Was there foul language used? Absolutely. The Lyon County Sheriff's Office expects our Deputies to act professional at all times, there is a time and a place for such language to gain compliance from a suspect. The Deputy in the video knows this as well, and acts accordingly. Had this Deputy responded this way to a community member who doesn't live a life of crime, this press release would read different. If the Lyon County communities take issue with the way our Deputy acted, I take full responsibility, as this is the direction I have given them.

To reinforce this thought process, listed below are the law enforcement contacts / arrests my Deputies have had with James Gresham:

James Gresham's has been arrested by the Lyon County Sheriff's Office on numerous occasions, for the following:

09/15/2023; – Lyon S.O.

NRS 199.340; Resist Public Officer

06/21/2023; – Lyon S.O.

NRS 484B.600 – Basic Speed (11-15 over)

NRS 484D.115 – Tail Light Violation

NRS 482.545 – Suspended Registration

NRS 485.187 – No Proof of Insurance

NRS 199.280 - Obstruct/Delay Public Officer

NRS 483.560 - Drive w/ Suspended Driver's License

NRS 453.566 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

NRS 453.336 – Possession of Sch I, II Controlled Substance (<14g)

NRS 205.160 - Possession of Counterfeit Money

03/22/2022; – Lyon S.O.

NRS 205.222.2a - Grand Larceny

NRS 205.275.2b - Possession of Stolen Property

NRS 205.080 - Possession of Burglary Tools

12/03/2021; – Nevada Highway Patrol

199.335 - Failure to appear after bail on a felony crime: 3rd Judicial District Court

11/02/2021; – Lyon S.O.

NRS 202.350 - Carry a Concealed Weapon without a Permit

NRS 207.010 – Habitual Criminal (10 years to Life)

08/25/2021; – Lyon S.O.

484A.670 - FTA on Traffic Citation

08/25/2021; – Lyon S.O.

NRS 205.463 - Possession of the Identifying Information of Another (2 Counts)

NRS 453.336 - Possession of a Schedule 1 Controlled Substance Less than 14 grams

NRS 484B.200 - Fail to Drive on Right Half of Roadway

NRS 484B.550 - Fail to Stop Upon Signal from Peace Officer

NRS 484B.300 - Fail to Obey Traffic Control Device

NRS 483.570 - Drive with License Suspended

NRS 199.280 - Resisting a Peace Officer

05/23/2021; – Lyon S.O.

NRS 205.228.2A – Grand Larceny of a Motor Vehicle

03/28/2021; – Nevada Highway Patrol

NRS 482.545 – Unregistered Vehicle

NRS 483.570 - Non Res/Suspended Driver's License

NRS 485.187 - No Proof of Insurance

NRS 484B.150 - Open Alcohol Container in Vehicle

NRS 199.335.2a - FTA After Bail, Felony Crime

NRS 199.335.2c1 - FTA After Bail, Misdemeanor Crime

02/25/2021; – Lyon County S.O.

NRS 205.690 - Possession Of Credit/Debit Card Without Cardholder's Consent

NRS 205.463 - Possession Of Personal Identifying Information Of Another

NRS 453.566 - Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia

08/21/2020; – Lyon County S.O.

NRS 453.321.2a - Possession of Sch I, II Controlled Substance for Purpose of Sale

NRS 205.690 – Obtain/Possess Credit Card w/o Cardholder Consent

NRS 482.545.2 – Display Bogus/Fictitious Registration

NRS 483.550 – No Valid Driver's License

NRS 485.187.1 – No Proof of Insurance

-Temporary Stalking Order issued - 04/21/2022;

-Temporary Stalking Order issued – 04/21/2022;

-Extended Stalking Order issued – 06/01/2022;

California Arrest History:

11/18/1986; #86-2851 – Paradise PD

-Obstruct/Resist Public Officer