

WISCONSIN RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFENSE REPORT

OFFICER RECORDING: Officer R. Krakow

COMPLAINT #: 23-01408

NARRATIVE:

On Sunday morning, January 29, 2023, at 9:20 a.m. I, Officer KRAKOW, working beat 51, was observing traffic in my fully-marked Wisconsin Rapids Police Department squad car while facing southbound on the northwest corner of West Riverview Expressway and 5th Avenue North in the city of Wisconsin Rapids, county of Wood. At that time I observed a black pickup truck traveling northbound approaching my location at a high rate of speed. I locked the vehicle on radar traveling at 61 mph in a 45 mph zone. I pulled out after the vehicle to attempt to make a traffic stop on it and activated my emergency red and blue lights prior to the vehicle getting to Edgewood Avenue. It should be noted, the vehicle continued to travel northbound and did not stop. When the vehicle approached the area of 3 Jokers bar I activated my siren. However, the vehicle continued to travel northbound. I radioed into Dispatch and informed them I was attempting to make a traffic stop on the vehicle but the vehicle was not stopping. At this time we were crossing Highway 66, still traveling northbound on Highway 13 while my emergency red and blue lights and siren were still activated. I provided the license plate number on the vehicle to Dispatch, which was LY7672. At this time it appeared there were only two occupants in the vehicle and when the vehicle had passed me on 5th Avenue it appeared the driver was a male. The vehicle continued northbound on Highway 13. However, it eventually pulled over in the area of Highway 13 North and Willow Road, at which time I waited for backup squads to arrive prior to approaching the vehicle as I did not know the reason why this vehicle refused to stop.

I gave verbal commands to the driver of the vehicle to turn the truck off and to place the keys for the truck on the roof of the vehicle. I also commanded all occupants in the vehicle to place their hands on the roof/ceiling inside the truck. At that time I noticed there were four subjects in the vehicle. I also had my department-issued handgun out and aimed at the vehicle as I did not know what the situation was as to why the vehicle did not initially stop.

Officer VAN BERKEL arrived on-scene to assist and pulled up alongside the driver's side of my squad car. Officer VAN BERKEL also drew his department-issued handgun. At that time we ordered the driver of the vehicle to exit the vehicle and the driver did comply. We ordered the driver to walk backwards towards us. When the driver approached our squad cars we told him to stop and to get on his knees. At that time I placed handcuffs on the driver to detain him until officers knew what the situation was. I escorted him towards the rear of my squad where I conducted a search of his

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person and did not find anything of evidentiary value. I asked the driver who the other subjects in the vehicle were. He told me they were his three sons. I asked him if there were any weapons or drugs in the vehicle and he stated there was a weapon in the vehicle and he has a concealed carry permit. He stated there was a handgun in the center console of the vehicle. The male subject was then placed in the rear passenger seat of squad 33.

Sergeant FLEISNER also arrived on-scene to assist and I informed him of the other occupants in the vehicle and we slowly approached the vehicle. We holstered our weapons and called each occupant out of the vehicle individually and made sure they were not armed. The occupants were placed in a squad to keep warm.

I asked the operator of the vehicle, who was identified by a WI driver's license as LUKE WEILAND, why he did not stop. LUKE stated he had observed me parked on the side of the road at 5th Avenue but did not think he was speeding and did not observe that I was behind him until prior to approaching Willow Road, at which time he pulled over. LUKE demanded to speak to my supervisor and I informed Sergeant FLEISNER of this. I issued a citation for speeding, 61 mph in a 45 mph zone, to LUKE WEILAND. He was also issued a citation for failing to yield to an emergency vehicle.

After LUKE had finished speaking to Sergeant FLEISNER it was determined the handcuffs would be removed from his person and the three boys would be allowed to return to the truck while LUKE stood outside the vehicle until the citations were issued to him. Once the citations were issued to LUKE he was allowed to leave the scene.

I went back and estimated the distance from where I had activated my emergency lights and siren to where the vehicle eventually pulled over and it was approximately 3.5 miles.

End of report.

Officer R. Krakow #614/llk