

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF BENSON

NORTHEAST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of North Dakota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Travis Lee Carlson,
(DOB 10/14/1987)

Defendant.

INFORMATION

Criminal Case No. 03-2025-CR- 00093

- [¶1] Oliver Bromke, Special Assistant State's Attorney in and for the County of Benson in the State of North Dakota, gives the Court to understand and be informed:
- [¶2] That on or about described below, in Benson County, North Dakota, the above-named Defendant committed the offense(s) of:

Count 1: Tampering with public records (CST # C00117)

- [¶3] The defendant, a public servant, knowingly made a false entry in or false alteration of a government record in the defendant's custody, to wit:
- [¶4] On or about the 9th day of April, 2025, the Defendant knowingly made arrest of a tribal member, T.B., in Indian County for alleged felony offenses without Bureau of Indian Affairs authority; the Defendant then falsified his statement of Probable Cause claiming he had concurrent jurisdiction (a legal impossibility); **Said offense is a CLASS C FELONY, in violation of Section 12.1-11-05(1)(a), 12.1-11-05(2)(a), 12.1-32-01(4) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (4) maximum penalty of five (5) years imprisonment, fine of \$10,000 or both.**

Count 2: Tampering with public records (CST # C00117)

- [¶5] The defendant, a public servant, knowingly made a false entry in or false alteration of a government record in the defendant's custody, to wit:
- [¶6] On or about the 9th day of April, 2025, the Defendant knowingly made arrest of a tribal member, Th.B., in Indian County for alleged felony offenses without Bureau of Indian Affairs authority; the Defendant then falsified his statement of Probable Cause claiming he had concurrent jurisdiction (a legal impossibility); **Said offense is a CLASS C FELONY, in violation of Section 12.1-11-05(1)(a), 12.1-11-05(2)(a),**

12.1-32-01(4) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (4) maximum penalty of five (5) years imprisonment, fine of \$10,000 or both.

Count 3: Tampering with public records (CST # C00117)

- [¶7] The defendant, a public servant, knowingly made a false entry in or false alteration of a government record in the defendant's custody, to wit:
- [¶8] On or about the 27th day of May, 2025, the Defendant falsified his investigative report by knowingly arresting two (2) tribal members for alleged felony offenses in Indian Country, transporting them to Tribal Court for an extradition hearing (a legal impossibility), claiming he was exercising concurrent jurisdiction which was (a legal impossibility) before transporting to the Lake Region Law Enforcement Center off the Indian Reservation and subsequent incarceration; **Said offense is a CLASS C FELONY, in violation of Section 12.1-11-05(1)(a), 12.1-11-05(2)(a), 12.1-32-01(4) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (4) maximum penalty of five (5) years imprisonment, fine of \$10,000 or both.**

Count 4: Official oppression (CST # C00157)

- [¶9] The defendant, acting or purporting to act in an official capacity or taking advantage of such actual or purported capacity, knowing that the defendant's conduct is illegal, subjected another to arrest, detention, search, seizure, mistreatment, dispossession, assessment, lien, or other infringement of personal or property rights, to wit:
- [¶10] On or about the 9th day of April, 2025, the Defendant illegally arrested, T.B., an enrolled member on alleged Burglary charges. The Defendant illegally detained her in a jail facility off the reservation; **Said offense is a CLASS A MISDEMEANOR, in violation of Section 12.1-14-01(1), 12.1-32-01(5) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (5) maximum penalty of 360 days imprisonment, fine of \$3,000 or both.**

Count 5: Official oppression (CST # C00157)

- [¶11] The defendant, acting or purporting to act in an official capacity or taking advantage of such actual or purported capacity, knowing that the defendant's conduct is illegal, subjected another to arrest, detention, search, seizure, mistreatment, dispossession, assessment, lien, or other infringement of personal or property rights, to wit:
- [¶12] On or about the 9th day of April, 2025, the Defendant illegally arrested, Th.B., an enrolled member on alleged Burglary charges. The Defendant illegally detained

her in a jail facility off the reservation; **Said offense is a CLASS A MISDEMEANOR**, in

violation of Section 12.1-14-01(1), 12.1-32-01(5) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (5) maximum penalty of 360 days imprisonment, fine of \$3,000 or both.

Count 6: Official oppression (CST # C00157)

[¶13] The defendant, acting or purporting to act in an official capacity or taking advantage of such actual or purported capacity, knowing that the defendant's conduct is illegal, subjected another to arrest, detention, search, seizure, mistreatment, dispossession, assessment, lien, or other infringement of personal or property rights, to wit:

[¶14] On or about the 30th day of September, 2024, the Defendant did illegally detain, mistreat and infringe on personal rights of D.D., a juvenile passenger in a motor vehicle; **Said offense is a CLASS A MISDEMEANOR, in violation of Section 12.1-14-01(1), 12.1-32-01(5) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (5) maximum penalty of 360 days imprisonment, fine of \$3,000 or both.**

Count 7: Official oppression (CST # C00157)

[¶15] The defendant, acting or purporting to act in an official capacity or taking advantage of such actual or purported capacity, knowing that the defendant's conduct is illegal, subjected another to arrest, detention, search, seizure, mistreatment, dispossession, assessment, lien, or other infringement of personal or property rights, to wit:

[¶16] On or about the 7th day of August, 2024, the Defendant conducted a traffic stop on a highway at night that served no legitimate purpose. K.A. was illegally detained and questioned about matters unrelated to the stop; **Said offense is a CLASS A MISDEMEANOR, in violation of Section 12.1-14-01(1), 12.1-32-01(5) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (5) maximum penalty of 360 days imprisonment, fine of \$3,000 or both.**

Count 8: Public servant refusing to perform duty (CST # C00121)

[¶17] The defendant, a public servant, knowingly refused to perform any duty imposed upon the defendant by law, to wit:

[¶18] On or about the 17th day of April, 2025, the Defendant refused to identify a key witness, another unknown Law Enforcement Officer, to an arrest incident for prosecution purposes in violation of NDCC 44-04-06. Unidentified/unrevealed witness was a person from outside of Benson County who removed an occupant

from a motor vehicle and detained her while the Defendant searched the motor vehicle; **Said offense is a CLASS A MISDEMEANOR, in violation of Section**

12.1-11-06, 12.1-32-01(5) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (5) maximum penalty of 360 days imprisonment, fine of \$3,000 or both.

Count 9: Public servant refusing to perform duty (CST # C00121)

[¶19] The defendant, a public servant, knowingly refused to perform any duty imposed upon the defendant by law, to wit:

[¶20] On or about the 14th day of April, 2024, the Defendant as the investigating officer of a reported break in and burglary of the Dakota Spirits Bar has failed to make, file or present any report or conclusion of the burglary after several requests by the State's Attorney as required under NDCC 44-04-06; **Said offense is a CLASS A MISDEMEANOR, in violation of Section 12.1-11-06, 12.1-32-01(5) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (5) maximum penalty of 360 days imprisonment, fine of \$3,000 or both.**

Count 10: Failure to appear as witness or produce information (CST # C00094) –

[¶21] The defendant, having been lawfully ordered to appear at a specified time and place to testify or to produce information in an official proceeding, without lawful privilege, willfully failed to appear or to produce the information at that time and place, to wit:

[¶22] On or about the 20th day of May, 2025, after receiving a subpoena, the Defendant failed to appear for a Preliminary Hearing in Criminal Case 03-2025-CR-00048; **Said offense is a CLASS A MISDEMEANOR, in violation of Section 12.1-10-02(1), 12.1-32-01(5) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (5) maximum penalty of 360 days imprisonment, fine of \$3,000 or both.**

Count 11: Disorderly conduct (CST # C00905)

[¶23] The defendant, with intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another person or in reckless disregard of the fact that another person is harassed, annoyed, or alarmed by the defendant's behavior, engaged in harassing conduct by means of intrusive or unwanted acts, words, or gestures that were intended to adversely affect the safety, security, or privacy of another person, to wit:

[¶24] On or about the May 24th, 2023 through October 29th, 2023, the Defendant as a Supervisor and Field Training Officer caused A.J. in her role as a Law Enforcement Officer to be harassed, alarmed and annoyed by the Defendant's repeated sexual innuendos.; **Said offense is a CLASS B MISDEMEANOR, in violation of**

Section 12.1-31-01(1)(h), 12.1-32-01(6) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (6) maximum penalty of 30 days imprisonment, fine of \$1,500 or both.

Count 12: Disorderly conduct (CST # C00905)

- [¶25] The defendant, with intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another person or in reckless disregard of the fact that another person is harassed, annoyed, or alarmed by the defendant's behavior, engaged in harassing conduct by means of intrusive or unwanted acts, words, or gestures that were intended to adversely affect the safety, security, or privacy of another person, to wit:
- [¶26] On or about the 25th day of March, 2025, the Defendant sexually harassed, alarmed, and annoyed N.L., in Benson County, by coming to her place of work in a Deputy Sheriff uniform and grabbed N.L. from behind on the shoulders. On or about the 28th day of March, 2024, the Defendant, following a domestic event at N.L.'s home, instructed N.L. to shut off her surveillance cameras as the Defendant would be stopping by the home of N.L. to give hugs to N.L.; **Said offense is a CLASS B MISDEMEANOR, in violation of Section 12.1-31-01(1)(h), 12.1-32-01(6) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (6) maximum penalty of 30 days imprisonment, fine of \$1,500 or both.**

Count 13: Disorderly conduct (CST # C00905)

- [¶27] The defendant, with intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another person or in reckless disregard of the fact that another person is harassed, annoyed, or alarmed by the defendant's behavior, engaged in harassing conduct by means of intrusive or unwanted acts, words, or gestures that were intended to adversely affect the safety, security, or privacy of another person, to wit:
- [¶28] On or about the 9th day of July, 2024, the Defendant, a male, followed H.S. (a detained female) in to a women's bathroom wherein the Defendant stood with his body camera recording while H.S. obtained a urine sample for drug testing. H.S. was alarmed, harassed, and annoyed at the demand and expectation of the Defendant that N.L. provide a urine sample under those conditions; **Said offense is a CLASS B MISDEMEANOR, in violation of Section 12.1-31-01(1)(h), 12.1-32-01(6) of the North Dakota Century Code, By then and there. Penalty Section ~ NDCC 12.1-32-01 (6) maximum penalty of 30 days imprisonment, fine of \$1,500 or both.**

- [¶29] Names of all witnesses known to State's Attorney at this time:

S/A Craig Zachmeier, NDBC
S/A Kelly Wimer
S/A Jeramie J Quam
S/A Steve Gilpin
A.J.

Officer Johnathan Maritatio
K.A.
H.S.
POST Board Representative
Brad Odden
N.L.
A.L.
T.B.
Th.B.
Officer Terry McCloud
Tribal Judge Joseph Vetsch
Officer Derek Wilkie
Officer Molanna Clifford
D.D.
Randy Denne
Damian Longie
Officer Shawn Cottingham
Officer Duncan McDuffie

[¶30] This contrary to the statute and against the peace and dignity of the State of North Dakota.

[¶31] Dated this 24th day of July, 2025.

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