FLORENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Statement of Probable Cause

Case Report # 22-0541DATE FILED: August 26, 2022 9:07 AM CASE NUMBER: 2022M426

DEFENDANT: Star Hills DOB: 05/24/1956 HGT: 509 /WGHT 130 lbs

OFFICER: A. Winters

DATE/TIME: 08/25/2022, 1220 hours

LOCATION: 500 W. 5th Street, Florence, Colorado 81226

FILED IN COMBINED COURTS

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Fremont County, Colorado

In support of probable cause for the warrant-less arrest of the above named Defendant, which occurred within the City of Florence, Fremont County, State of Colorado, the undersigned, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

On 8/25/2022 at approximately 1220 hours, I, Officer Winters of the Florence Police Department, responded to a call for service located at Fremont Elementary School, 500 W. 5th Street, Florence, Fremont County, Colorado 81226 for a report of a suspicious vehicle.

I was alerted to the suspicious vehicle being parked outside of the school by the Principal who made initial contact previously when it was parked at the corner Church Avenue and W. 5th Street (located on the east side of the school) directly in front of orange safety cones placed to block the road from all vehicle traffic.

The Principal told the occupants the road would be closed for another hour and forty-five minutes for a school functions and after a few minutes did leave. However, the vehicle returned to the area; this time parking on the west side of the school on W. 5th Street. The Principal observed the vehicle again at the new location and called me immediately. As I was already in the school's front office, I observed the Principal running into the building to meet me in the Office, when she quickly asked me to follow her.

Once outside the school, the vehicle was pointed out to me by the Principal. At that time, I drove over to the vehicle that was parked in the westbound lane of travel, which was an older model white Dodge 3500 van with Arizona license plate VNTASTIC. I observed the passenger side doors fully open with someone seated in the opening. I could also see a person sitting in the front passenger seat.

Upon making contact, there was a male seated on the floor in the passenger portion of the van and a woman sitting in the front passenger seat. After introducing myself, I asked why they were sitting in that location. The unidentified parties stated, they were waiting for a woman named Karen to meet them who was selling goat milk. The "Karen" party was an employee of the school.

After being told the reason for being parked outside of the school, I asked the male and female for their identification. Both parties initially told me, they did not have to give their identifying information. I informed the parties it was Colorado State Law for them to identify themselves when contacted for a law enforcement reason.

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The male party stated he would provide his Arizona Identification Card. Simultaneously, the female party repeatedly denied to provide her identity, stating that she did not have to give me that information. The woman was told again, that she had to provide her identification and if she continued to refuse she would be charged with obstruction.

The female told me again that she would not give me her identity. At that time, I instructed her to step out of her vehicle. The woman refused. I instructed her again to get out of her vehicle. She refused again. At that time, I attempted to open the door and was unable to because the female party pressed down the locking mechanism to lock the door. Due to the window already being open, I was able to unlock the door and open it.

The female party was instructed again to exit the vehicle and she refused. When I reached up to gain control of her right arm to assist her out of the vehicle, she drew her arms in close to her torso and moved away from me further into the vehicle. As the unidentified woman retreated away from me, she continued to tell me she would not exit the vehicle.

The woman's refusal to exit the vehicle and comply, put me at significant risk of injury because the male party was still sitting in the vehicle and could have easily taken steps to move around the van doors to harm me. Furthermore, I had no way of knowing at the time if weapons were present in the vehicle.

I instructed the woman another time to get out of the vehicle and she refused again. At that time, I reached in, gained control of her right wrist, and assisted her out of the vehicle as safely as possible. With the help of my shift partner, I was able to place the female in custody.

My shift partner transported the unidentified woman to the Sheriff's Office Detention Center. Upon the arrival at the detention center, the female party continued to refuse to give her identification. The female party was finally identified as Star Hills (DOB 05/24/1956) over an hour after the initial arrest was made with the assistance of the Canon City Police Department.

Due to the incident occurring in front of the school, it caused the school to be on heightened alert status and restricted the movement into, out of, and throughout the premises.

Nothing Further, Officer Winters, FPD59

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Charges

18-9-109(1)(a)(c)	Interference w/ Staff, Faculty, or Students of Educational Institutions	M3
18-8-103(1)(b)	Resisting Arrest	M2
16-3-103(1)	Stopping of a Suspect	

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Officer A. Winters Florence Police Department Patrol Division, School Resource Officer Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of August, 2022.

> **PAYTON KLINE NOTARY PUBLIC** STATE OF COLORADO

NOTARY ID 20214034075 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 26, 2025

PROBABLE CAUSE FINDING

Probable cause found /

Notary - State of Colorado

Probable cause not-found

Judge