

Local Pastor Arrested Following Alleged Dog Attack

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A local pastor has been arrested after he became uncooperative with officers investigating a possible dog attack.

According to Investigator John Deal with the North Platte Police Department (NPPD), at around 5:46 p.m. Thursday, an animal control officer was dispatched to the 800 block of East 5th on the report of a loose dog that had reportedly attacked another dog.

The investigation led them to a residence just down the street.

The animal control officer made contact with 55-year-old Ron Lauber at the residence to determine who was in control of the dog, and issue a summons.

During the contact, Lauber became uncooperative with the officer and argued that

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the dog was not aggressive.

Lauber refused to give the officer any information that would help determine if the dog was indeed aggressive.

A NPPD patrol officer was asked to provide assistance to the animal control officer due to Lauber's agitated state.

Lauber continued to argue with the officer regarding the case, then told the officer to take him to jail, a request the officer declined. However, Lauber insisted that the officer take him to jail and, at one point, turned around and placed his hands behind his back to be handcuffed.

As the officer attempted to reason with Lauber, he stated that he was not going to cooperate and began to walk towards his residence. When the officer ordered Lauber to stop, he continued walking. As a result, the officer placed Lauber under arrest for obstruction of justice.

Following his arrest, Deal said Lauber indicated that the dog in question was not his, but stated that the dog was currently staying at his residence.

The dog was seized pending further investigation to determine if it is aggressive and who the owner is.

Lauber is the Senior Pastor at Harvest Christian Fellowship in North Platte.



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