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Pastor arrested for refusing to cooperate with police officer

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A North Platte pastor was arrested after an incident in the 800 block of East Fifth Street Thursday over a loose dog.

Ronald Lauber, 55, of North Platte, is charged with obstructing a police officer, a misdemeanor, after he walked away from a North Platte police officer who was trying to give him a summons for violating the North Platte loose dog ordinance.

According to a press release from Investigator John



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Deal, animal control was called to the block at 5:46 p.m. Thursday for the report of a loose dog that had possibly attacked another dog.

When the animal control officer spoke with Lauber about the animal and tried to issue a summons for violating the ordinance, Lauber became uncooperative and argued that the dog was not aggressive. According to Deal, Lauber also would not provide the animal control officer with any information.

A North Platte police officer arrived on scene and spoke with Lauber, who continued to argue that the dog had not been aggressive. According to Deal, Lauber continued to argue with the officer and asked the officer to take him to jail. The officer told Lauber he wasn't

going to do that and would not arrest someone only because they wanted to go to jail.

When the officer again tried to give Lauber a summons for a loose dog, Lauber turned away and walked toward his house. According to Deal, when the officer told Lauber to stop walking away, he did not and the officer arrested Lauber for obstructing a police officer.

Lauber told the officer that he was not the owner of the dog, but that the dog was staying at his residence. According to Deal, the dog was taken by animal control, which is trying to determine if the animal is dangerous and who the owner is.

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