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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT KENOSHA COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2022WL001251
Assigned DA: Zeke S Wiedenfeld
Agency Case No.: 2022-00324614
ATN:

vs.

JOEL P TRUDELL
[REDACTED]

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Kenosha, WI 53142
DOB: 05/13/1979
Sex/Race: M/W
Eye Color: Blue
Hair Color: Brown
Height: 5 ft 11 in
Weight: 229 lbs
Alias:

Defendant.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, on information and belief, states that:

Count 1: DISORDERLY CONDUCT

The above-named defendant on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, in the City of Kenosha, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, while in a private or public place, did engage in abusive, boisterous, indecent, profane, violent, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct, under circumstances in which such conduct tended to cause or provoke a disturbance, contrary to sec. 947.01(1) Wis. Stats., a Class B Misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both.

Count 2: RESISTING AN OFFICER

The above-named defendant on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, in the City of Kenosha, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, did knowingly resist an officer, while such officer was doing an act in an official capacity and with lawful authority, contrary to sec. 946.41(1) Wis. Stats., a Class A Misdemeanor, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than nine (9) months, or both.

PROBABLE CAUSE:

1) Your complainant makes this complaint based upon the following, all of which your complainant believes to be reliable. The information in this complaint does not exhaust your complainant's knowledge of this incident.

2) Complainant has reviewed the reports of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office which reflect that on the evening of June 21, 2022, the Kenosha County Board was holding a public meeting in the Kenosha County Administrative Building located on 56th Street in the City of Kenosha, Kenosha County, Wisconsin. Deputy Duncan of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office reports

that he was on duty in full police uniform and was assigned, along with other uniformed deputies, to assist with security during the meeting.

3) Complainant has reviewed the public video from the meeting which shows that the meeting was called to order and members of the public were allowed five minutes to speak during a public comment period.

4) Deputy Duncan reports that during some citizen comments, a male identified as Joel Trudell, hereafter "the defendant", interrupted the comments of other citizens. The defendant was warned by the Chairman of the Board to be civil to the other citizens or he would be asked to leave the room. Deputy Duncan reports that the defendant was later given the opportunity to speak to the Board at a podium during the public comment period. During his comments, a citizen interrupted the defendant and the defendant argued with that citizen. While the citizen who interrupted the defendant was leaving the room, the defendant made additional comments about that citizen. Deputy Duncan reports that the Chairman of the Board told the defendant that the defendant's comment was uncalled for and the defendant's time for comments was over and the defendant needed to step down from the podium. Deputy Duncan reports that the defendant continued to argue, stating that it was his turn to speak and refusing to step down. Deputy Duncan reports that the defendant was shouting loudly and the Chairman of the Board asked deputies to assist in removing the defendant. Deputy Duncan reports that he and Deputy Wilson of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Office approached the defendant and asked the defendant to step down from the podium, but the defendant continued to yell "No sir."

5) Deputy Duncan reports that the defendant grabbed onto the podium and continued to grip the podium as Deputy Duncan placed his hands on the defendant's arms and attempted to escort the defendant out of the room. Deputy Duncan reports that the defendant continued to yell and resist despite being told that he could be arrested. Deputy Duncan reports that deputies attempted to move the defendant away from the podium, but the defendant then grabbed onto a wooden rail that separates the public from the County Board. Deputy Duncan reports that the defendant continued to shout and as deputies attempted to remove his hands from the rail, the defendant yelled "Get the fuck off of me!" Deputy Duncan reports that the defendant's arms were tensed up and the defendant continued to resist their attempts to remove the defendant from the room. Deputy Duncan reports that the defendant was taken to the ground in an effort to handcuff the defendant and the defendant continued to resist.

6) As a result of the disturbance, the Board voted to adjourn the County Board meeting early. Deputy Duncan reports that, after the defendant was removed from the room and escorted to the jail, deputies spent time escorting Board members and their families to their vehicles at their request.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 08/18/22

Electronically Signed By:

Vivien L TenHaken

Assistant District Attorney

State Bar #: 1124481

Electronically Signed By:

District Attorney Zeke Wiedenfeld

Complainant

Kenosha County Eye