HURON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Status	Approved
Report Type	Patrol
Primary Officer	Tanner Dornacher
Reported At	09/06/20 20:45
Incident Date	09/06/20 20:45
Incident Code	TRFS : Traffic Stop
Location	LINCOLN AVE NW / US HWY 14 W, HURON, SD 57350
Zone	3
Beat	
Disposition	Closed - Charges Filed
Disposition Date/Time	10/20/20 11:59
Review for Gang Activity	None

Unspecified

Ravnsborg, Jason R
[redacted]

Primary Narrative By Tanner Dornacher, 10/27/20 03:28

On 09/06/2020 at approximately 2045 I observed a vehicle stopped at a stop sign in the East bound lane on Old Highway 14 at the intersection of Old Highway 14 and Lincoln Ave SW. The stopped vehicle then pulled into the North bound lane of Lincoln Ave SW causing me to immediately brake in my marked patrol vehicle in order to avoid an accident with the vehicle.

I then used my patrol vehicle's radio to inform Huron Police Department Dispatch that I would be making a traffic stop on the vehicle with the license plate number 1J2256 out of South Dakota at the intersection of Highway 14 and Lincoln Ave NW. I then activated my emergency lights to indicate to the vehicle to pull over. The vehicle then stopped in the inside lane of Highway 14 along the median of the highway.

When I approached the vehicle, I first observed that the driver had a badge open in his hand that stated the individual was the Attorney General for the State of South Dakota. I then informed the individual of my name and that the reason for the stop was due to him failing to yield at the stop sign almost resulting in an accident with my patrol vehicle. I then asked the individual for his driver's license as well as proof of insurance on the vehicle. The individual then handed me his driver's license and stated "It's a state car...I'm actually the Attorney General." I then asked the individual that I identified as Jason Ravnsborg to remain in his vehicle and that I would be right back.

I then returned to my vehicle and searched Jason's name in the Huron Police Department System to confirm his information. I then observed that Jason had one prior contact with the Huron Police Department in the form of a speeding violation in 2018 from Sgt. VanDiepen. Dispatch then informed me that the South Dakota License Plate 1J2256 did not come back to any vehicle in South Dakota. Knowing that the vehicle was a state vehicle I proceeded with the traffic stop as normal. After confirming Jason's information in the system I then asked Dispatch to run a Drivers License Status on Jason. Dispatch then informed me that the 59 came back as a Class 1, Active, Expires 2024, Negative 16-29. With the information given and due to the call volume of the night, I decided to give Jason a verbal warning for the Stop Sign Violation.

I then returned to Jason's vehicle and returned his drivers license. I then informed Jason that I would be giving him a

verbal warning for the violation and urged him to drive more carefully. Jason then stated that he believed the intersection was a 4-way stop and not a 2-way. I informed Jason again that there was a vehicle that slowed to turn West onto Old Highway 14, but the intersection was only a 2-way and that his violation caused a dangerous situation. I then told Jason that he parked in a weird position, referring to parking in the inside lane of Highway 14, and that I was going to remain parked with my emergency lights on until he safely pulled away to prevent a traffic accident. Jason then asked me if Highway 14 was a 2-lane highway and asked if he could be in either lane. As Jason asked me that question, a vehicle passed us in the outside lane. I informed Jason that it was a 2-lane Highway and that he could drive in either West Bound lane.

I then returned to my patrol vehicle and remained parked behind Jason until he was able to safely pull away. After Jason pulled away I followed and deactivated my emergency lights and cleared from the stop.

End of Report
Officer Tanner Dornacher #265
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